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Over 300 attend Chief Aghurub memorial

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MANAGAHA ISLAND—The 47th Annual Chief Aghurub Memorial Celebration was held last Saturday with over 300 community members taking part in the rites to honor the navigator.

According to Kodep Ogu-moro-Uludong, president of the

Chief Aghurub Foundation, the turnout for this year's memorial was quite grand.

Although majority of the attendees were families of Carolinian descent, the celebration also brought out tourists who were curious about the celebration and many community members who found that Chief Aghurub was monumental in the

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Carolinian Affairs Office executive director John Tagabuel poses for a photo with the Carolinian proa built by the Carolinian community solely for the 47th annual Chief Aghurub Memorial Celebration on Managaha Island last Saturday.

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Three drown in a week

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A 70-year-old woman reportedly drowned yesterday afternoon while swimming at the Saipan World Resort beach in Susupe, bringing to three the number of people who drowned on Saipan in a week.

The three are also the eighth, ninth, and 10th drowning incidents this year on Saipan, according to *Saipan Tribune* records.

Department of Public Safety acting spokesman Lt. Jason Tarkong said that yesterday's drowning victim, an

Asian woman, was pronounced dead at the Commonwealth Health Center by Dr. Jeremy Devey at 4:18pm.

The police usually prefer to use the term "Asian" to refer to those of East Asian descent: Chinese, Korean,

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CUC power hike in Oct.

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Power rates are going up starting this month.

Effective yesterday, Oct. 1, in

response to an oil price increase in the global market, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. adjusted its Fuel Adjustment Charge rate from \$0.15917 per kWh to \$0.16886 per kWh.

That means residential customers who use 500 kilowatt-hour of power per month will pay approximately \$4.85 more in their monthly billing.

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Feds sue Guam over indigenous land law

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—The U.S. government has filed a lawsuit against Guam and the island's Chamorro Land Trust Commission, saying the territory's government has

violated provisions of the federal Fair Housing Act.

The lawsuit filed Friday says that Guam's Chamorro Land Trust Act, which holds public land for the ben-

efit of the island's indigenous people, has discriminated on the basis of race or national origin, the *Pacific Daily News* reported.

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PH judges 'extremely pleased' with judicial conference

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Although the Philippines is not a member of the Pacific Judicial Council, the Philippine delegation that took part

in last week's four-day conference at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Hibiscus Hall were extremely pleased at being able to attend.

Caloocan City Regional Trial Court Presiding Judge

Gina Hidalgo, who is president of the Philippine Judges Association and head of the 15-judge delegation to the PJC conference, told *Saipan Tribune* that they were satisfied with the security measures up

to the topics discussed.

"The people are warm and the organizers were accommodating," said Hidalgo.

The members of the delegation are all national officers and directors of the Philippine

Judges Association. They are all presiding judges of the regional trial court—a second level court in the Philippines. The delegates represented almost all regions of the Philippines.

Hidalgo said that it was Guam Supreme Court Associate Justice Robert J. Torres Jr. who invited them to the biennial conference. She met Torres when the latter was a speaker in one of the judges' seminar in the Philippines.

It was the first time for all Philippine judges to attend the PJC conference.

Besides the conference itself, the delegation also played at being tourists, reveling in the weather that is very much the same as the Philippines. Among the places they visited were the American Memorial Park, Banzai Cliff, and the Bird Island Lookout.

"We had a sunset cruise and we got to see the beautiful sunset," Hidalgo said.

She said they look forward to coming again.

The Pacific Judicial Council biennial conference kicked off last Tuesday and ended last Friday. About 130 judges, justices, lawyers, law clerks, and guests joined the conference. The participants came from PJC member judiciaries—the CNMI, Guam, American Samoa, Palau, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, and Yap.

Guam Supreme Court Associate Justice F. Philip Carbullido, who is chairman of

the PJC education committee, said the conference is about sharing and discussing ideas, information, and resources to provide solutions to the islands' common challenges.

U.S. District Court for Guam Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, who is PJC president, said that PJC's mission is to provide a collaborative and educational forum.

Member jurisdictions rotate hosting the biennial conference since PJC was established in 1991.

The CNMI Judiciary last hosted the conference in 2009.

CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro said that PJC was formed at a time when the six districts in Micronesia were going through a political transformation, the CNMI in 1975, Palau in 1994, and the Marshalls and Federated States of Micronesia in 1986.

Castro said PJC's main objective is to maintain communication with the other island judiciaries notwithstanding the political transformation, helping each other in the sharing of ideas, resources, and finding solutions to common challenges.

"As I look back, I am happy to say that throughout the years, that objective has not been lost, but it has worked effectively for the advancement of the rule of law and the administration of justice in our island nations," Castro said.

Marketing firm launched

A new marketing company called Marianas Elite Marketing Agency, or MEMA, has been officially launched.

MEMA founder Orrin Pharmin said the agency is one of a "rebirth" project that is now ready.

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Let's find out more about our visitors, based on the Marianas Visitors Authority's latest visitor exit survey covering July 2016 through June 2017. Here's what a sampling of what visitors shared with us before their departure from The Marianas:

Travel Companions

Most visitors consider The Marianas a family-friendly destination. Coming to The Marianas was a family event, overall, with over half of visitors coming with a spouse (53%) and about a quarter coming with children (26%). Japanese visitors were more likely to come with friends or significant others. Over half of visitors to

The Marianas arranged their travel through the internet (52%).

Arrangements and Ticket Purchasing

Over half of visitors to The Marianas arranged their travel through the internet (52%). Almost half (49%) of visitors purchased their travel tickets within a month of departure. Japanese visitors were more likely to purchase their tickets early, with 58% doing so more than a month before their travel. However, one quarter (25%) of Chinese visitors indicated purchasing their tickets within two weeks before their departure date.

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IFC ends with cultural fashion show

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The annual International Festival of Cultures concluded its monthlong run last Saturday with a parade and a fashion show that showcased the many different cultures that the island of Saipan boasts of.

Last Saturday was the last day of the International Festival of Cultures and, despite the threatening weather conditions, the Marianas Visitors Authority decided to push through with the parade any way.

Fortunately, the rain stopped by the time the different cultures started their

march from the American Memorial Park to the Garapan Fishing Base that led to the grand fashion show.

Because of uncertainties due to the weather, many of the different communities were not able to represent their cultures. Present for the walk, though, were the Chamorro, Japanese, Bangladesh, and Filipino communities.

Once the parade made its way to the festival grounds, the fashion show commenced and showcased the different traditional cultural attires of each community.

The costumes showcased during the festival's fashion

show were almost all handmade by craftsmen from their respective cultures.

Over 11 different communities participated in the fashion show, which taught the festival's audience about the varieties of authentic cultural wear on the islands.

The Chamorro community showcased their traditional grass skirts and loin wraps that are similar to the Carolinian community's traditional wear.

The community also showcased the most modern style of traditional wear, which were the traditional *mistisa* and khakis and polos.

The Federated States of Micronesia community showcased its colorful grass skirts, delicate body ornaments, and glorious headdresses.

The Hawaiian community showcased its traditional floral dresses and its body adornments.

The Palauan community showcased its traditional hot-bath attire that is worn by young women to symbolize womanhood.

The Bangladesh community showcased its *saree* that the women wear and the tradi-

tional *kurta* that men wear.

Many other communities like the Korean, Chinese, and Japanese communities also showcased their colorful traditional clothing of robes and dresses that are traditionally worn for special occasions.

Trial in alleged CW-1 scam case starts today

The jury trial of five of six defendants in the alleged CW-1 scam case will start today, Monday, in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

This developed as the U.S. government filed a second superseding indictment against five defendants—Mukshedur Rahman, Md. Rafiqul Islam, Shahinur Akter, David Trung Quoc Phan, and Analyn Nunez.

Last Aug. 14, defendant Zeaur Rahman Dalu pleaded guilty to two counts of fraud in foreign contracting. His sentencing will be on Dec. 22, 2017 at 9am.

The second superseding indictment charged Rahman with two counts of mail fraud, and two counts of fraud in foreign labor contracting, while Islam was charged with one count of mail fraud, and three counts of fraud in foreign labor contracting.

The second superseding indictment also charged Akter with one count of mail fraud, and two counts of fraud in foreign labor contracting, while Phan was charged with two counts of mail fraud, three counts of fraud in foreign labor contracting, and fraud and misuse of visas and permits.

The second superseding indictment charged Nunez with one count of mail fraud, and one count of fraud and misuse of visas and permits.

According to the U.S. government, integral to the scheme to defraud was the collection of large amounts of money—roughly between \$15,000 and \$20,000—from each of the 12 victims, all Bangladeshi nationals.

Last Aug. 2, assistant U.S. attorney James Benedetto moved to dismiss 11 of 17 charges against the six defendants, saying this would better

streamline its case presentation as well as its opening and closing arguments. The court granted the motion.

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Humanities Month highlights Pacific war, awards program

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The Northern Marianas Humanities Council, with the support of the local government, has designated the month of October as Humanities Month, with the highlight being a discussion program called “War in the Pacific” and the presentation of the Governor’s Humanities Awards.

According to Humanities Council executive director Scott Russell, it is important to bring the importance of the humanities to the attention of the public like what they stand for, what they do, and for them to share their wisdom with the community.

“This shines a light on the

humanities,” Russell said.

Many know of individual programs that the NMI Humanities Council handles but a lot don’t know “that we are responsible for all of those programs,” he said. “Having a Humanities Month is good to remind us of the important role that the humanities play in our everyday lives.”

The “War in the Pacific” discussion already took place earlier this year but an upcoming discussion program would be the second phase of the first discussion because the public responded well to the first attempt at the program, Russell said.

“It was well received by the people who attended and they wanted to continue it,” said

Russell. “We’re partnering with a team from the [United States] who got a grant from the National Endowment Fund to run this program... so we could allow more people to participate.”

Because the program is so new to the Marianas, the council was hesitant at first that it would pique the interest of many but because of the outcome of the first phase, they were inspired to include it as a highlight of Humanities Month.

The discussion program will focus on different experiences of the war and touch base on traumatizing events as a result of the war on Saipan as well as the Pacific. There will be speakers who have first-

hand experience in these wars.

“This allows people to talk about it and let their emotions out,” said Russell.

The discussion program will be held at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center Theater from 6pm to 8:30pm starting on Oct. 2 until Oct. 9.

One of the major highlights is the annual Governor’s Humanities Award. “We will have a presentation dinner,” Russell said.

Submission for nominees of the Governor’s Humanities Award will be accepted from Oct. 1 to Oct. 13 and the award will be presented on Oct. 27. For more information on nominations, contact the NMI Humanities Council at 235-4786.

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The U.S. territory’s law allows the Chamorro people to apply for residential and agricultural leases of that land. The commission also leases some of the land for commercial purposes to non-indigenous people in order to generate revenue.

According to DOJ Department’s Civil Rights Division acting assistant attorney general John M. Gore, the Fair Housing Act prevents discrimination based on race or national origin when it comes to

house-related services. However, the current program in Guam offers 99-year residential leases as well as below-market-rate loans exclusively to native Chamorros.

As an example of the law’s discriminating practices, the lawsuit outlined the case of a non-indigenous man married to a Chamorro woman who lost his home on a land-trust plot after his wife died. The lawsuit stated that the commission evicted the man following a hearing on his claim because he was not native to Guam.

The lawsuit asked the federal court to prohibit Guam’s practices it claims are dis-

crimatory.

The lawsuit also called for monetary damages to be awarded to those harmed by the law.

The case is being handled by the DOJ Civil Rights Division as well as the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo said they plan to fight the lawsuit.

“It’s clear that they don’t understand or don’t care about the reason behind the creation of the Chamorro Land Trust’s Commission,” Calvo said. “We must allow the native inhabitants of this land the opportunity to build a home and

live on their native land—and I have no compunction about fighting this out in court.”

During the DOJ’s yearslong investigation on the land program, CLTC officials pointed out that Guam’s program is modeled after Hawaii’s homestead program.

“We must allow the native inhabitants of this land the opportunity to build a home and live on their native land—and I have no compunction about fighting this out in court. I’ve spoken to the Attorney General previously and let her know that we need to stand up for the rights of the native people of Guam,” Calvo added. *(With www.kuam.com)*

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In a statement released over the weekend, CUC said that Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, Inc., the company where it gets its fuel, that there has been a rise in the average fuel prices.

CUC is allowed by a previous order from the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission to adjust rates based on the price of oil. Adjustments are made when the mean of platts Singapore monthly pricing equals or exceeds 4.5 percent of the average per gallon cost of fuel used in the calculation of the FAC rate.

That allowed CUC to ad-

just the oil price component of its charges, previously known as the Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause and now known as the FAC pass-through rate.

CUC first instituted the LEAC in 2009 to recover fuel and fuel related costs, a system also used by power providers in Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In May 2015, the CPUC authorized CUC to change the name of LEAC to FAC to provide customers a more accurate description of the rate.

The FAC is used to purchase fuel and serves as one of the two components that make up CUC power bill. The second rate component is the electric base rate, which is used to fund operations, proj-

ects, and debt servicing.

Camacho in AZ

In other CUC news, CUC executive director Gary Camacho is currently in Phoenix, Arizona attending a Federal Emergency Management Agency conference to discuss any questions regarding the CNMI’s FEMA projects resulting from Typhoon Soudelor.

There will be some discussion regarding damage received from Typhoon Irma in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

According to Camacho, he can be of help and will be able provide information to help the other U.S. territories.

“We are very fortunate to work with a group like this for

celebration has always been the highlight of Cultural Heritage Month.

During his speech, Tagabuel urged his fellow Carolinians to keep the language strong for the benefit of the upcoming generation.

“Please continue to teach your children how to speak Carolinian. That is the only way we can continue to strive and continue survive as Carolinians,” Tagabuel said.

The Chief Aghurub memorial celebration will always be the Carolinian community’s

most honored memorial ceremony because, according to Tagabuel, their community considers Chief Aghurub as the man who saved their ancestors. He not only symbolizes the Carolinian community’s culture and heritage but he was also a role model that was courageous and humble.

Chief Aghurub saw the struggles of his people during the major typhoon that hit the Caroline Islands back in 1815 and initiated the voyage to the Marianas over 200 years ago.

MVA welcomes new, returning members

The Marianas Visitors Authority is renewing existing members for the new fiscal year and inviting new businesses and individuals to join the state tourism agency.

“Our tourism partners are essential to the success of the work of the [MVA], whether it be cooperation in marketing, signature events, destination enhancement, or any of the many other projects we undertake,” said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. “We have seen significant growth membership over the last few years as businesses and organizations see the benefits of working with the MVA, and we welcome both returning and new members for the new fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.”

The MVA currently has over 253 members for fiscal year 2017.

Membership in the MVA

is \$100 a year. Benefits of membership include business listing on the MVA’s language-specific websites in Japan, Korea, China, Russia, and Taiwan; opportunities for business brochure distribution at MVA offices in the Marianas and internationally; opportunities to participate in travel and trade shows, sales seminars, and familiarization tours; detailed visitor data through monthly statistics reports; nomination and voting rights for the MVA board; the opportunity to be a supplier or contractor for the MVA; and the opportunity to serve on ad hoc committees.

For an application or more information, visit www.mymarianasor.com contact community projects specialist Demalynn Pagarao at the MVA Membership Division at 664-3210 or at dpagarao@mymarianas.com. *(MVA)*

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Japanese, etc.

Tarkong said that police officers responded to a drowning incident at the Saipan World Resort beach yesterday at 3:58pm and learned that the 70-year-old woman had been swimming with family members after having lunch.

The victim and her family started swimming in the swim zone area of the beach at noon. Family members later noticed that she was missing.

As they searched for the victim, witnesses spotted her floating face down within the swim zone area. She was wearing a life vest.

The hotel’s lifeguards retrieved the body and conducted cardiopulmonary resuscitation, CPR.

Emergency medical technicians from the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services transported the victim in an ambulance to CHC, where she was pronounced dead.

Last Monday afternoon, a 25-year-old Asian woman was taken to the hospital after eye-witnesses found her floating motionless in a swimming pool at a residence in San Vicente.

Tarkong said the woman passed away the following day, Tuesday.

Tarkong did not release the victim’s name.

News sources in China identified her as Jovie Liu Youling, a cosplay model. Cosplay participants, called cosplayers, wear costumes and fashion accessories to represent a character. In Youling’s case, she was said to be a model for digital games and would sometimes wear costumes representing her characters.

It was reported that she came to Saipan after social media fans selected her to come as a model for a photo shoot at a villa organized by

a company.

According to Tarkong, police responded on Monday at 3:09pm to a drowning incident at a residence in San Vicente.

Upon arrival, police saw DFEMS medics conducting CPR on the victim.

Police learned from witnesses that the victim had been swimming in the pool, but later saw her floating motionless.

Tarkong said that several people assisted with pulling the victim out of the pool and started CPR.

DFEMS transported the victim to CHC, where she died the next day.

DFEMS said that medics left the hospital after the victim was found to have a pulse.

Last Wednesday afternoon, divers recovered the body of a 27-year-old Asian male who was reported missing a day before after spear fishing outside the reef of Pak Pak Beach in San Antonio, Tarkong said.

The victim was transported to CHC, where Dr. Neda Farzan pronounced him dead at 4:55pm due to drowning.

Police learned that on Wednesday at 1:59pm, the victim’s friend reported that the victim has not returned from fishing since Tuesday, Sept. 26.

DPS Boating Safety officers met with the witness at Pak Pak Beach. DPS then launched the *Zodiac* rescue boat from Smiling Cove Marina.

Divers from a private company spotted the body deep in the water outside the reef of the beach.

Division of Fish and Wildlife personnel recovered fishing equipment believed to be that of the victim.

A team of DPS and Commonwealth Ports Authority divers retrieved the body 80 feet deep in the ocean.

The *Zodiac* boat transported the victim to Smiling Cove, then an ambulance brought him to CHC.

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development of the Carolinian community in the Marianas.

Northern Islands Mayor Vicente Santos and Reps. Ivan Blanco (R-Saipan) and Donald Barcinas (R-Saipan) also attended.

Blanco said the event is very important to descendants of the first Carolinian settlers on the Marianas and, as one of the descendants, he is proud to take part in the memorial.

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Man pleads guilty to harboring illegal workers

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The second of five who were indicted for allegedly harboring illegal workers in the CNMI pleaded guilty in federal court last Friday.

Wencai Guo, of Beilida Overseas (CNMI) Ltd., pleaded guilty to count 2 of the indictment charging him with harboring illegal aliens. He will be sentenced on Feb. 16, 2018, at 9am.

The workers entered the CNMI as tourists but later worked on the casino and resort project of Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC in Garapan.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona allow Guo to self-surrender to the U.S. Marshal Service today, Monday, at

10am, prior to his sentencing.

Guo, who is represented by defense counsel Robert T. Torres, will get credit for time served.

Guo supervised over 100 workers between Feb. 7, 2017 and March 22, 2017, at the Imperial Pacific Resort.

Assistant U.S. attorney James Benedetto, who prosecuted the case, said that at least 24 aliens overstayed their parole status.

The aliens, who were admitted to the CNMI as tourists, were not authorized to work.

Benedetto said Guo knew that at least 24 under his supervision were overstaying.

In a search by the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the offices of Beilida, the FBI discovered spreadsheets in Chinese titled “Beilida Complete Personnel Accommodation

Statistics Chart” which listed over 150 workers as *hei gong*, a term to mean “undocumented worker.”

Benedetto said Guo knew that there were inspectors such as Occupational Safety and Health Administration that would visit the construction site from time to time.

He said Guo would tell his subordinate team leaders or lieutenants that they should not come to work for a couple of days to avoid detection by authorities at the site.

By doing so, team leaders, including Guo, would get bonus payments, Benedetto said.

When asked by Manglona if Benedetto’s statements were true, Guo, through an interpreter replied, “I agree.”

Guo also admitted that he received bonus payments.

In response to Manglona’s questions, Guo admitted that he indeed supervised *hei gongs* or undocumented workers and that he told them not to go to the construction site to avoid being detected by authorities.

Guo and co-defendant Xiu-fang Qi, both of Beilida Overseas, were stopped from leaving the CNMI at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport last April 5. They were bound for China.

The jury trial in this case is set for Oct. 31, 2017.

MCC is a construction contractor for Imperial Pacific’s multi-million-dollar casino and resort project. Beilida Overseas is one of the subcontractors.

Qi was allegedly respon-

sible for assigning Beilida’s workers at the construction site to four subordinate team leaders.

More than half of the 500 workers for Beilida came in as tourists. Approximately 260 of those workers were under Qi’s supervision. Four team leaders operated under Guo’s supervision.

Guo’s group consisted of 180 workers, while Qi’s group consisted of 280 workers.

The other defendants are MCC International project manager Yuqing Zhao, Beilida Overseas president and director Hui Lu, and Beilida’s Hongwei Ma.

A separate indictment charged Zhao with harboring illegal aliens.

Of the five, only Lu has yet to be arrested.

The indictment alleged that on March 8 through 22, 2017, Ma, Lu, and Guo harbored an illegal alien, Yuanhou Hu, by shielding him from detection and which resulted in Hu’s death.

Hu, a Chinese national, died after falling from a scaffold at the casino/resort construction site last March 22.

On Feb. 7 through March 22, 2017, Ma, Lu, Guo, and Qi allegedly harbored six illegal aliens.

A separate indictment alleges that beginning on Aug. 1, 2016 and continuing until March 31, 2017, Zhao harbored 15 illegal aliens.

Last Monday, Zhao pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of unlawful employment of aliens and was slapped with a six-month prison term as part of a plea deal.

Calvo asks Defense to stop Guam construction

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo has called for the U.S. Department of Defense to halt military construction projects on the island until the shortage of foreign labor is remedied.

Federal immigration officials have denied most of the requests by Guam businesses to use temporary foreign labor under the H-2B visa program, the *Pacific Daily News* reported on Friday.

A few years ago, the U.S. territory had a foreign workforce of more than 1,000 peo-

ple. As the number dropped to less than 100, businesses on the island filed a lawsuit over the denials last year.


Calvo has asked the Defense Department to stop military construction and for the guidelines of the buildups to be reassessed. The military has relied on the island’s temporary foreign workforce in the past.

“Unfortunately, this H-2B denial, which started with the bureaucrats of the Obama Administration, continues to linger,” said Calvo, a Republican. “In so

doing, it is not only hindering our island’s economy, but I believe it is risking our island and our nation’s security as well.”

In a letter to acting director James W. McCament of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Calvo said the visa denials are causing harm by inflating construction costs and leaving fewer bids for military and civilian projects.

“I consider this a clear and present danger to the safety and health of the people of Guam,” Calvo said.



COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION SCHEDULE OF ELECTRIC CHARGES AND RATES

By order of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, CUC is authorized to adjust the Fuel Adjustment Charge, previously known as Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause or LEAC, depending on the price of oil. Adjustments are made when the “Mean of Platts Singapore” monthly pricing equals or exceeds a 4.5% differential of the average per gallon cost of fuel used in the calculation of the Fuel Adjustment Charge. Due to an increase in the average fuel prices, CUC will adjust the fuel-charge by 6.09%. Accordingly, the Fuel Adjustment Charge has increased from \$0.15917 per kWh to \$0.16886 per kWh effective October 1, 2017.

BASE RATES				
	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL	GOVERNMENT	MP*
1 Monthly Customer Charge	\$ 7.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 9.06
2 Base Rates Per kWh:				
KWH LEVELS				
1) 1 to 350	\$ 0.0210	\$ 0.1130	\$ 0.1240	\$ 0.1070
2) 351 to 1,200	\$ 0.0970	\$ 0.1130	\$ 0.1240	\$ 0.1070
3) 1,201 and over	\$ 0.1580	\$ 0.1130	\$ 0.1240	\$ 0.1070

*Municipal Pumping


FUEL ADJUSTMENT CHARGE or FAC (Previously known as Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause or LEAC)				
	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL	GOVERNMENT	MP*
Current FAC (Effective 10/01/17)	\$ 0.16886	\$ 0.16886	\$ 0.16886	\$ 0.16886
Previous FAC (09/01/17 - 09/30/17)	\$ 0.15917	\$ 0.15917	\$ 0.15917	\$ 0.15917

*Municipal Pumping

PUBLIC STREETLIGHTING AND PRIVATE AREA LIGHTING TARIFF							
Availability:	Applicable to public outdoor streetlighting service and private area lighting where CUC owns, maintains and operates such facilities.						
Fixture Charge:	See below.						
Energy Charge:	The Energy Charge is the kWh multiplied by the sum of the applicable Electric Base Rate and the Fuel Adjustment Charge.						
Total Streetlight Charge:	The Total Streetlight Charge is the sum of the applicable Fixture Charge and the applicable Energy Charge.						
Monthly Charge							
FIXTURE TYPE	WATTS	KWH	FIXTURE CHARGE	RES - ENERGY CHARGE	RES - TOTAL S.LIGHT CHARGE	COM - ENERGY CHARGE	COM - TOTAL S.LIGHT CHARGE
1 Long Arm	250	101	\$ 11.67	\$ 19.18	\$ 30.85	\$ 28.47	\$ 40.14
2 Short Arm	175	71	\$ 8.33	\$ 13.48	\$ 21.81	\$ 20.01	\$ 28.34
3 LED	140	57	\$ 10.83	\$ 10.82	\$ 21.65	\$ 16.07	\$ 26.90
			(a)	(b)	(a+b)	(c)	(a+c)
RES = Residential		COM = Commercial		S.Light = Streetlight			


ELECTRIC NON-RATE FEES	
1 Late Charge (monthly)	1% of Past Due
2 NSF Check / Returned Check Charge	\$ 40.00
3 Convenience Fee (for pay-by-phone and online payments) - Temporarily Suspended	\$ 1.50
4 Unauthorized Connection	\$ 550.00
5 Reconnection at the Pole	\$ 200.00
6 Investigation (no charge for first two investigations)	\$ 210.00
7 Disconnection Notice - Temporarily Suspended	\$ 15.00
8 Meter Change Out	\$ 95.00
9 New Service - Single Phase	\$ 135.00
10 Inspection of Service (no charge for first two inspections)	\$ 90.00
11 Meter Test - Single Phase	\$ 75.00
12 Meter Test - Three Phase	\$ 110.00
13 Disconnection at the Meter	\$ 45.00
14 Reconnection at the Meter	\$ 60.00

Updated October 2017



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-18-002

KAGMAN WATERLINE & BOOSTER STATION REHABILITATION PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Kagman Waterline and Booster Station Rehabilitation Project in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

General Description: This work consists of replacing the existing Kumoi booster station and relocating it to the Chacha and Kagman Road intersection. It also includes the rehabilitation of an existing deep well, the installation of a new 6" PVC distribution, and the installation of a new 8" PVC transmission waterline along Kagman Road. It will also involve the reconnection of existing customers onto new or existing distribution lines within the project area.

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from the USEPA.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **300 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 26, 2017** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A **Bid Guarantee** of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A **Payment Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent and a **Performance Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 10, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer- via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Nick Schreiner, Water-Wastewater, Engineer-via email address nick.schreiner@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant-via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in said bid documents, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLÁN, JR.
Purchasing Officer

XTRA Airways launches Nanjing-Saipan flights

XTRA Airways launched charter flight service from Nanjing, China to the Marianas on Sept. 24, 2017.

Passengers on the inaugural flight were greeted with shell leis upon arrival early on Sept. 25.

The flight schedule departs Nanjing Lukou International Airport for Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday and opens up the east region of China to the islands.

"The MVA is pleased to welcome XTRA Airways as the newest airline serving the Marianas," said MVA managing director Christopher A.



Silver Xu, marketing manager of the Marianas Visitors Authority's Shanghai office in China, first from left, joins dignitaries at the launch event for XTRA Airways Nanjing-Saipan flight on Sept. 6, 2017, at the Nanjing Lukou International Airport.

Concepcion. "We will continue to work closely with the airline to support this new service and give better access to the islands for our visitors from China."

A launch event was held in Nanjing Lukou International Airport on Sept. 6, 2017, where the MVA promoted the Marianas to attending media and other travel trade representatives.

The MVA also met with local travel agencies to discuss co-op opportunities.

The airline is operating a Boeing 737-800 with 186 seats.

"The MVA is in talks with XTRA Airways and other part-

ners about possible flights in the future from other regional countries, including Japan and Taiwan," added Concepcion. "With XTRA Airways' plans to base their fleet and crew in the Marianas, this opens up new possibilities for the tourism industry."

So far this fiscal year, the Marianas has received 211,316 visitors from China, comprising 35 percent total visitor arrivals. (MVA)

Bridge Capital art pieces will be loaned to Office of the Governor

Visitors to the Office of the Governor on Capital Hill will soon be able to enjoy viewing the work of local artists, which will be displayed on the walls of the office's conference room, courtesy of Bridge Capital LLC.

The works on display are part of the Flame Tree Collection of Fine Arts from the Mariana Islands, which grew out of the annual arts competition hosted by Bridge Capital, as a major sponsor of the Flame Tree Arts Festival.

Now in its seventh year, the competition provides local artists with an opportunity to compete for cash prizes and gain exposure by having their work displayed to the public during the three-day festival held every April.

"Art is one of the most important tools we have in preserving and developing the cultural traditions of these beautiful islands," said John K. Baldwin, CEO of Bridge Capital. "Here at Bridge, we are proud to have one of the largest collections of works from local Mariana artists anywhere in the world. I am very pleased that Gov. [Ralph DLG] Torres personally extended this invitation to us, and happy that these works will be displayed [on Capital Hill], where they will continue to inspire all of us."

Bridge Capital's collection includes oil and watercolor paintings as well as traditional wood carvings, sculptures and multimedia pieces. Four works from the collection will be selected each month to be displayed at the Office of the Governor. In addition, many works from the collection are also on permanent display at the offices of Bridge Capital on Micro Beach Road, in Garapan. (PR)

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PACIFIC ISLANDS CLUB SAIPAN

1,000 paper cranes brought to Hiroshima memorial

The mission of American Memorial Park is to honor the American and Marianas people who gave their lives during the Marianas Campaign of World War II. Over the year, the park has been sharing the history of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands during World War II with youth through outreach and education programs.

Through funding from Pacific Historic Parks, staff at American Memorial Park have shared the story of *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* with children throughout the

CNMI. The story follows the life of a young Japanese girl named Sadako who becomes gravely ill by the aftereffects of the atom bomb that was dropped on her hometown of Hiroshima, Japan. With spirit and courage, Sadako works toward fulfilling an ancient Japanese legend that promises that anyone who folds 1,000 origami cranes will be granted a wish by the gods. This story has a close connection to the CNMI. In August 1944, the atom bombs that were dropped on Japan during WWII took off from the island

of Tinian and were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, devastating these two cities.

Paper cranes are a symbol of peace and healing, therefore the Paper Cranes for Peace Project was started at American Memorial Park to share the history and story to promote peace through the folding of paper cranes.

For the whole month of August, American Memorial Park welcomed the public to the Visitor Center to participate in the Paper Cranes for Peace Project. Paper cranes were also received from various schools

throughout the CNMI. At the end of August, more than 1,000 paper cranes were collected.

Last year, the paper cranes were packed and shipped to the Children's Peace Memorial from American Memorial Park. This year, Pacific Historic Parks education manager Jaclyn Balajadia and education specialist Jovannalyn Mafnas were invited to present at the 41st Annual Pacific Circle Consortium Education Conference in Hiroshima, Japan. Therefore, 1,000 paper cranes were personally brought to the Hiroshima Children's Peace Memorial.

Pacific Historic Parks supports the National Park Service through research, preservation, restoration, fund

development, education and interpretive programs of WWII in the Pacific and other Pacific historic sites. **(PHP)**

Lump-sum payment bill now law

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed last Friday House Bill 20-108, HD1, HS1, "To appropriate the amount of \$1,417,545 to pay the outstanding retroactive lump-sum payment to active and inactive employees, whose wages were frozen in Step 12," which was passed by the 20th Legislature. This bill becomes Public Law 20-16.

Torres underscored the importance of the appropriation bill and indicated that it was

a long time coming for many civil service employees.

"Today is a great day for our civil service employees, who have waited patiently—for some for many years—for their retroactive lump-sum payments. I want to thank the Legislature for their work in passing this bill so that we can get our civil service employees what they rightfully deserve after their years in service," Torres said. **(PR)**



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Military training at FDM, Warning Area 517 ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla tomorrow, Oct. 3, from 4:50am to 6pm.

The military will also conduct training at Warning Area 517 on Oct. 4-, from noon to 6pm.

It is recommended the public, fishermen and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the

island. W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank are open for public use. **(PR)**

Chamber meeting on Oct. 4

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will have its monthly general membership meeting at the Saipan World Resort this Wednesday, Oct. 4. The luncheon begins at 11:30am and the meeting starts promptly at noon. Guest speakers feature Gary Camacho, executive director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., to update Chamber members on power generation, water programs,

and the effect of the island's growth. Also speaking is Ray Reyes from SSFM, CNMI, LLC about the comprehensive land use plan being updated for the Department of Public Lands. **(PR)**

NMDC membership meeting

The Northern Marianas Descent Corp. will have a general membership meeting tomorrow, Oct. 3, from 6pm to 7pm, at the Carolinian *utt*. The meeting's agenda will cover public land leases, proposed land lease extensions, and the Northern Marianas Cultural Center. The Northern Marianas Descent

Corp. board of directors meeting will take place on Oct. 9 at 9am at the Garapan Community Development Center. **(PR)**

Tinian mayor to request for military assistance

The Office of the Tinian Mayor intends to solicit assistance from the Department of Defense's Innovative Readiness Training Program. The assistance will include no-cost dental care and related services. The proposed assistance will take place at Tinian Health Center during the month of September 2018.

Dental providers or private


citizens who have questions or who wish to voice opposition to military assistance for the project may contact Ignacio P. Kiyoshi Jr. at the Office of the Mayor at 433-1800/3222 no later than seven days after publication of this notice.

Persons not filing comments within the time frame noted will be considered to have waived their objections to military assistance for the project. Info can be found at <http://irt.defense.gov/>. **(PR)**

Lions Club to celebrate 25th anniversary


The Saipan Fil-American Lions Club will be a host a

fundraiser called "The Ultimate Drag Queen 2017" on Nov. 4 at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort, with VIP tickets priced at \$25 and general admission at \$10. Proceeds will be used for the club's community projects. Fourteen candidates will be competing. The show will be choreographed and directed by Ernie Molina. For more details and sponsorships, call SFALC president Annamae Adaza at 483-5237, vice president Lourdes Ortiz at 785-2306, VP Leony Mendoza at 287-7563, secretary Mario Mayuga at 285-1021, or Molina at 789-8212. **(PR)**



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-17-028

TANK 104 REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL

POWER PLANT 1, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Removal and Disposal of Tank 104 at Power Plant No.1, Lower Base, Saipan.

The project consists, of the Cutting for Disposal and Removal of Tank 104 (now empty and cleaned) together with off-site disposal of all tank materials, including its steel floor.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **90 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$50.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **October 12, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building. Prospective Bidders are mandated to attend both Pre-Bid and Site Visit.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-IFB-17-028 Removal and Disposal of Tank 104, Power Plant No.1, Lower Base, Saipan**", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 25, 2017**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.


Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 16, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Max Simian, CUC Technical Manager for Oil - via email max.simian@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant-via email marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.


GARY CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CUC-RFP-18-001

FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 & 2018

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to perform a financial and compliance audit of the CUC for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 & 2018. The audit must be performed in compliance with the latest revision of the following guidelines:

- *OMB Circular A-133*
- *Standard for Audits of Government Organization, Programs, Activities and Function, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States*
- *Audits of States and Local Government Units, Industry Audit guide issued by the American Institute of Public Accountants (AICPA)*
- *Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS)*

The date of contract award will be no later than November 17, 2017. Audit work shall commence thereafter and must be completed by January 31, 2018 (FY17) & 2019 (FY18). Auditors are responsible to review all the 2017 & 2018 financial statements to include the physical CUC assets.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFP package set.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-RFP-18-001, Financial and Compliance Audit for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2017 & 2018**" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **October 23, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 10, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Antonio Castro, CUC Chief Financial Officer, via email address antonio.castro@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, JR.
Purchasing Administrator

New hotel opens on Beach Road



From left, Li Dong Long, TF Seaside Hotel director
Li Dong Xu, Queenie Wu-Cabrera, and Li Hai Dong
BEA CABRERA

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REPORTER

The former Cabrera Building on Beach Road is now a hotel.

The hotel, called TF Seaside Hotel, officially opened its doors yesterday. It is expected to somewhat ease the lack of tourist accommodation in Saipan.

The hotel, owned by the Shenzhen Tang Fu Group Company from China led by the director Li Dong Xu, offers 60 rooms: VIP, executive, standard, and ADA rooms.

Xu first came to Saipan in May 2016.

"I experienced how beautiful the island is—perfect weather, the people, the history and the sights. I noticed that many tourists come and enjoy the island and the numbers kept increasing. I also noticed the lack of places to stay here so that gave me an idea to put up a hotel," Xu said.

His company started the building's renovation in October 2016, with the help of Queenie Wu Cabrera and the rest of the Cabrera family on Saipan.

"We have a very good location for the hotel. It's on Beach Road so it is in the middle of everything," Xu said. "It is close to the sea and the property where the hotel stands is a very quiet place. We prefer that our guests are able to relax, rest, and still have access to everything."

The hotel's opening was attended by Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), and Hotel Association of the Mariana Islands chair Gloria Cavanagh.

According to Hocog, this is a very positive step for CNMI.

"We are excited with TF Seaside Hotel's addition to the hotels on island. We welcome the economic contribution of TF Seaside Hotel as tourists have more options on island where they can be accommodated. We also welcome the hotel's plans to hire locals and train them," Hocog said.

He assured the new business that the government is ready

to give it assistance, provided it complies with CNMI laws.

"I hope that the management of the hotel will always be in [compliance with] our laws here in the CNMI so we do not encounter problems we have had in the past. If they have any difficulties, I encourage them to come to us and see how we can mitigate the problems because that is the reason why we are all here, to help each other," Hocog added.

Apatang encourages other investors to see the many potentials of the CNMI.

"We thank...TF Seaside Hotel...for investing in the CNMI. We want to encourage other investors to follow. They built a beautiful building and everybody knows that we need more rooms so they can enjoy their stay here on Saipan," he said.

Demapan shared the same outlook.

"Anytime we add more rooms to our inventory is a positive step for our tourism industry. Today, we have 60 new and beautifully done rooms. We are very excited as many visitors will be able to experience the treasures of our Commonwealth and we are grateful to our investors who have chosen to invest in a project of this magnitude on Saipan," he said.

According to Xu, he wants the hotel to be known for its good accommodations and service and that his company made sure that everything about the hotel is new—the bedroom designs, air-conditioning, beddings, towels, WiFi signal, and good service.

Cavanagh said, "I am really encouraged that Queenie Cabrera (lessor) will encourage the [Shenzhen Tang Fu Group Company] to join HANMI and the Marianas Visitors Authority. This is something really needed in the CNMI."

Xu said his company is committed to promoting Saipan. "In the future, we plan to add more rooms in the hotel and continue to hire locals to further help in the economic development of the CNMI," he added.

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Puerto Rico needs help now and in the future

The federal government finally appears to be putting its efforts to aid Puerto Rico into high gear, but it is unconscionable that it has taken so long. Before the island had a chance to recover from the first blow dealt by Hurricane Irma on Sept. 6, Hurricane Maria left it in ruins, without power and drinkable water and with rapidly diminishing supplies of food.

But the federal response to this devastation has been markedly different from that to the hurricanes that hit Texas and Florida. It was only after intense public pressure began mounting that President Donald Trump became seriously engaged. Trump finally issued a waiver midweek from the onerous Jones Act, which requires that cargo delivered in U.S. waters be delivered by U.S.-flagged ships, made, owned and crewed by Americans. It has become routine for presidents to issue waivers after disasters. George W. Bush did it after Katrina. So did Barack Obama after Sandy. Trump quickly issued waivers for ports in Texas and Florida after Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. But for some reason, when it came to Puerto Rico, officials initially refused. Trump cited the objections of the shipping industry, which profits from the Jones Act.

Even now, the State Department has confirmed that evacuees—many of whom have lost everything—are being forced to sign promissory notes pledging to repay evacuation costs. Those costs should be waived immediately.

It also is time to start long-range plans to rebuild an island the U.S. has treated as an afterthought for a century, ever since claiming it as part of the spoils of the Spanish-American War. Every one of Puerto Rico's 3.4 million inhabitants is American by birth, living on American soil. But they have not one voting representative in the federal government that oversees them. If the island's economy is crippled with debt and its infrastructure weak, as Trump noted, Congress and the federal government had a role in that. One 2012 study showed the Jones Act alone had saddled Puerto Rico with \$17 billion in extra shipping costs, doubling the price of goods. Meanwhile, nearby U.S. Virgin Islands is exempted from the act.

When Trump visits the island next week, he should bring his developer's eye and lay the foundation not just for recovery, but prosperity. For too long, this American territory has been treated more like a vestigial colony instead of the gem it is.

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The 'Blade Runner' curse

The Wall Street Journal recently reported on the "Blade Runner" curse. If you're familiar with the 1982 sci-fi cult classic starring Harrison Ford, constantly reissued in some new "director's cut" or "special edition," you'd be forgiven for thinking the "Blade Runner" curse had something to do with a mysterious crone casting an evil eye on the producers, vowing that the film would spend eternity in an editor's suite. But that's not the whammy the Journal had in mind.

The movie "conjured a Los Angeles of 2019 whose steamy streets teem with flying cars and neon advertising," writes Don Steinberg. "Then came the curse: Many of the robust brands shown thriving in the cinematic future ran into financial troubles in the real world."

Director Ridley Scott thought that using real corporate titans at the time—Coca-Cola, Atari, RCA Corp, Bell Telephone, Cuisinart, Pan Am, Koss headphones, Tsingtao beer—would help convey his gloomy foreboding about the triumph of corporate power in our not-too-distant future.

By my count, of the eight companies depicted in the movie, five either disappeared, were broken up or were bought by other firms. Atari, which controlled 80 percent of the home video game market, went belly-up, though the name has been bought and revived by another company. Koss and Cuisinart went bankrupt (though Conair bought the Cuisinart brand out of Chapter 11 in 1989). Bell Telephone was split into a bunch of different companies. Coca-Cola survived, of course, but in 1985 it took it on the chin with the New Coke debacle.

Hence the "Blade Runner" curse. Appearing in the movie apparently jinxed businesses. And yet, many companies are lining up to appear in the forthcoming sequel, "Blade Runner 2049." Maybe these firms aren't superstitious? Or perhaps they know something that's lost on science fiction writers.

As my National Review colleague Kevin D. Williamson noted in a brilliant essay ("Hey, Where's My Corporate Dystopia?"), the idea that corporations will one day take control of our lives has been a staple of science fiction—and left-wing Jeremiahs—for generations.

"At its best," Williamson writes, "science fiction imagines a future that illuminates the present, but on the subject of the social role of the corporation, science fiction has long been backward-looking, out of touch with the reality it would analyze."

For all their alleged power, big corporations are often powerless when it comes to the simple task of surviving. As Williamson notes, "Only 67 of the firms in the Fortune 500 in 1955

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remained there by 2011."

"The average age of a company listed on the S&P 500 has fallen from almost 60 years old in the 1950s to less than 20 years currently," a team of Credit Suisse analysts wrote last month. And the death rate is accelerating.

The same dynamic holds true for another favorite supervillain: the super-rich. French economist Thomas Piketty argued in his widely celebrated book "Capital in the 21st Century" that the rich only get richer over a long period of time, creating a permanent aristocracy of wealth. And while it's true that the combined net worth of the "1 percent" has increased, the actual people in the 1 percent come and go.

Fewer than 10 percent of the 400 wealthiest Americans who appeared on the Forbes list in 1982, when "Blade Runner" was released, were still there in 2012. As for the permanent aristocracy of wealth, of the 20 biggest fortunes on the 2013 Forbes list, 17 of them were self-made.

What explains this? Simply: capitalism itself. The "Blade Runner" curse isn't real; it's normal. The economist Joseph Schumpeter famously pointed out that monopolies can't last forever in a free market because monopolies get ossified and overly dependent on their existing business models. Entrepreneurs and innovators figure out new techniques and technologies that run circles around the big guys. That was the whole point behind another Ridley Scott masterpiece, his "1984"-themed Super Bowl commercial for Apple Computer, which symbolically dethroned IBM as the Orwellian colossus bestriding the personal computer industry.

As Adam Smith noted in "The Wealth of Nations," the only thing that can make a monopoly permanent is government, because only government can prevent the sort of innovation and competition that undermines every corporate behemoth.

And that's why the most plausible dystopian visions, like Orwell's "1984," involve the state exceeding its rightful authority and imposing its idea of how everyone else should live—humans, replicants and businesses alike.

Doctors are fine, but it’s nurses we love

People like their doctors, but patients love their nurses. “I was preterm labor with my first kid,” is how my friend Karen Dahl describes the scary situation. “Suddenly I had to be hospitalized. I became very, very frightened. Then a nurse came in and announced that ‘If we can’t stop the labor, then I’m gonna get up on the bed with you, and they’re going to wheel us down the hallway together.’” Karen, whose terrific 10-year-old is proof it’s wise not to argue with a nurse on a mission, says that she’s never been more comforted by anyone’s words.

I bet it was the word “together” that made all the difference. With a nurse as your advocate, your ally and your accomplice, you feel the burden of your struggle lifted.

When my mother, age 47, was in the hospital dying of bone cancer, a handsome nurse flirted with her and made her laugh. He brought color to her cheeks and made her flutter her eyelashes, making her feel girlish again even as her life was ending. She smiled even though she had few smiles left. The male nurse—as we called them back then, the same way we called female physicians “women doctors” in those unenlightened times—was a generous and kind professional.

Good nurses are experts on human nature; they recognize and attend to hidden wounds, disguised pains and overlooked necessities.

I bet we’ve all had a compassionate, funny, smart, knowledgeable nurse to help us because otherwise we wouldn’t be here. Yes, physicians are essential but it’s nurses who often do the literal and metaphoric heavy lifting.

‘Sovereignty’ is not a dirty word

To listen to the commentary, Donald Trump used an inappropriate term at the U.N.—not just “Rocket Man,” but “sovereignty.”

It wasn’t surprising that liberal analysts freaked out over his nickname for Kim Jong Un and his warning that we’d “totally destroy” Kim’s country should it become necessary. These lines were calculated to get a reaction, and they did. More interesting was the allergy to Trump’s defense of sovereign nations.

Brian Williams of MSNBC wondered whether the repeated use of the word “sovereignty” was a “dog whistle.” CNN’s Jim Sciutto called it “a loaded term” and “a favorite expression of authoritarian leaders.”

In an otherwise illuminating piece in The Atlantic, Peter Beinart concluded that Trump’s address amounted to “imperialism.” If so, couched in the rhetoric of the mutual respect of nations, it’s the best-disguised imperialist manifesto in history.

Trump’s critics misrepresent the speech and misunderstand the nationalist vision that Trump was setting out.

He didn’t defend a valueless international relativism. Trump warned that “authoritarian powers seek to collapse the values, the systems, and alliances that prevented conflict and tilted the world toward freedom since World War II.”

He praised the U.S. Constitution as “the foundation of peace,

Doctors retain technical authority and usually command respect, but we associate nurses with calmness, cheerfulness and closeness.

“In eighth grade I had surgery to put screws in my hips,” remembers writer Tim Stobierski. “Eight hours later, a nurse arrived with crutches to get me walking. ‘It’s gonna hurt,’ she said, ‘but that’s no excuse not to do it.’ That’s serious wisdom.”

Nurses are tough cookies and proud of it. Without having stamina, courage, optimism and resilience, how could they expect the same from their patients?

Historically, women who were willing to do the hard job of being professional wound binders, caretakers, life bringers and death navigators were treated with deference (when they weren’t being burned as witches).

They dealt with matters that were taboo, sacred and unmentionable. They unflinchingly witnessed what only generals, surgeons and clergymen were expected to confront.

If they came from the ranks of the upper or middle classes, they forfeited the pretense of lady like niceties and deal with viscera, dirt and despair. If they came, as they increasingly did in the early-to-mid 20th century, from working-class families, they forfeited the pretense of silliness, ditziness and feminine helplessness.

They created lives independent from men in their households and were often the first in their extended families to secure an education. Unapologetic about their decision to choose a vocation and their commitment to work, they led the way for many

prosperity and freedom for the Americans and for countless millions around the globe.”

“The Marshall Plan,” he said, “was built on the noble idea that the whole world is safer when nations are strong, independent and free.”

There’s no doubt that there’s a tension in Trump’s emerging marriage between traditional Republican thinking and his instinctive nationalism. Yet he outlined a few key expectations.

He said, repeatedly, that we want nations committed to promoting “security, prosperity and peace.” And we look for them “to respect the interests of their own people and the rights of every other sovereign nation.”

Every country that Trump criticized fails one or both of these tests. So, by the way, do Russia and China.

Trump’s core claim that “the nation-state remains the best vehicle for elevating the human condition” is indubitably correct; it is what makes self-government possible. If the alternative is being governed by an imperial center or transnational authorities, the people of almost every nation will want—and fight, if necessary—to govern themselves. (See the American Revolution.)

The U.N. is hardly an inappropriate forum for advancing these ideas. “The Organization,” the U.N. charter itself says, “is based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all its Members.” To

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who followed their examples in medicine and other professions as well.

That nurse in the family or neighborhood? Everybody had the number memorized. Nobody called the doctor but the nurse was asked about every splinter, ache, fall and crisis.

Nursing can’t be easy but it’s got to be funny.

I’m proud that a number of my students have taken this route. Julianne Giordano, now an inpatient oncology nurse, explains “Becoming a nurse simultaneously cured my misanthropy and chipped away at my deep-seated belief that I had nothing good or true to offer anyone.” Julie added that even during her more grueling shifts, “Every hour has at least one this-is-why-I-do this moment.”

Known for their humility, humanity and humor, nurses—such as UConn anthropology major, Dorothy Watson Heinrichs, now at MedStar Washington Hospital Center—don’t seek honorifics or public acclaim. “We do our best and hope that patients remember us with affection,” says Dorothy.

It’s with affection, respect and joy that we think of you, dear nurses. We’re in your debt. You make us grateful—and you make us better.

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the extent that the U.N. is now a gathering place for people hoping the nation-state will be eclipsed, it’s useful to remind them that it’s not going away.

All that said, there were indeed weaknesses in the speech. First, as usual, Trump’s bellicose lines stepped on the finer points of his message. Second, sovereignty can’t alone bear the weight of being the organizing principle of American foreign policy. Finally, Trump’s foreign-policy vision is clearly a work in progress, as he accommodates himself to the American international role he so long considered a rip-off and waste of time.

Trump is adjusting to being the head of a sovereign nation—that happens to be the leader of the world.

LITERARY NOOK

Dadalak Octubre (Keeping Company with October)

By **JOEY ‘PEPE BATBON’ CONNOLLY**
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

To My Wife Far Away

Where have all the *chunge’ gone
soaring off in angelic pairs
was it these gentle October rains
that have awakened me
while I sleep outside
out walking and stargazing
on the southern cliffs of Tinian
the Teakettle and Fishhook
constellations remind me of you
but I have no oolong left
and you are far far away
in northern Manchuria
visiting your ailing mother

the rain washes away my tears.
(chunge’ is the Chamorro word
for a white tailed tropic bird that
soars in pairs over Tinian.)

October Full Moon Mercy

This evening a harvest moon shines full
it is a full moon all over the world
in the seas and oceans tides give a pull
no matter what countries flag unfurled
it shines down on a world in sorrow
refugees fill camps in Asia & the Middle East
more filled in Africa and Europe tomorrow
families broken no food no water no peace
on top of all that comes a nuclear threat
insults hurled by leaders no diplomacy
causing people all over the world to sweat
lets hope and pray for some sort of normalcy
a prayer now to the gods of all world religions
Send doves of peace. Stop hatred’s divisions.

Yo! Ma Yoyo, Yoyo Ma, a sonnet

(for Yoyo Ma on his 62nd birthday)

Yo! Yoyo Ma, Ma Yoyo
more and more por favor
go go go go go go
take care of muscles sore
please Mister Yoyo Ma
keep it up serious and mellow

we thank your Ma and Pa
don’t stop bowing that cello
solo on J.S. Bach’s cello suites
and all along the desert Silk Road
African and Appalachian treats
Dun’s Tigers and Dragons all explode
xie xie for all those different directions
looking toward more musical resurrections.

Happy The Toilet Flushes

I am happy that the bathroom toilet flushes
Newton’s theory was right and gravity works
the toilet handle is used and some water gushes
a cesspool takes all from good folks and jerks
some people might call me a bit Pollyannaish
enjoying both rain and sun on a regular basis
I go for underdogs in competitions start to finish
dislike hurricanes typhoons I like atmospheric stasis
I’m not big on gold mirrors or narcissistic nitwits
happy with echoes, yodels, dogs howling at the moon
* Tallis, von Bingen, Jordi Savall give me ecstatic fits
all kinds of poems from hiphop back to Celtic rume
I’m happy that life’s music goes round and round
and that if you look joy in life can always be found.

(Thomas Tallis (1505-1585) English composer. Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179) German composer. Jordi Savall (1941 to present) viola da gamba player, medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque music.)

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds around 10 mph in the evening.

▲87° ▼77°

TUESDAY

Mostly cloudy. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

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WEDNESDAY

Partly sunny with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.

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THURSDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

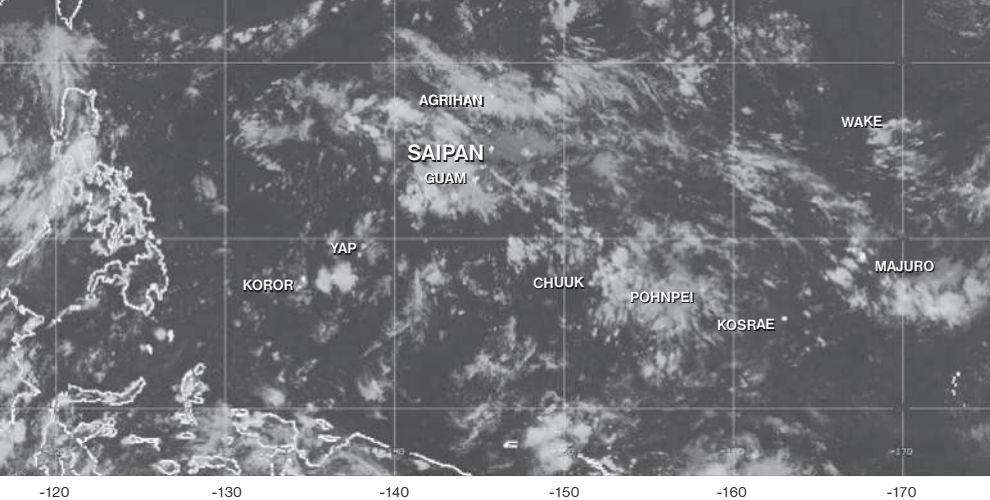
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FRIDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:30 AM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Surface analysis from Saturday night showed a weak surface trough to the west of the Marianas. An upper-level trough could be found just north of the local area. Satellite imagery from this morning showed a few showers over the forecast area. The trough will be close enough that lingering clouds and showers will prevail over the Marianas through tonight. Lightning data did show activity embedded in the showers so isolated thunderstorms seems likely today and again tonight. A ridge of high pressure will pass over the local area Monday and briefly decrease shower activity. Low-level convergence will develop over the Marianas on Tuesday and Wednesday. The upper-level trough will also be associated with an upper-low. These two weather features will generate mostly cloudy skies and isolated showers and thunderstorms Tuesday through Wednesday night.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°	
Palau	Thunderstorms	84° / 77°	
Yap	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	87° / 79°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°	
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	86° / 80°	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	63° / 54°	
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	72° / 48°	
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	91° / 81°	
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	87° / 75°	
London	Showers	61° / 48°	
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	77° / 64°	
Manila	Thunderstorms	90° / 79°	
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	64° / 45°	
Miami	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°	
New York	Sunny	74° / 60°	
Osaka	Showers	77° / 64°	
Paris	Showers	64° / 52°	
Busan	Partly Cloudy	73° / 63°	
Rome	Mostly Sunny	73° / 61°	
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	79° / 64°	
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	70° / 55°	
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	75° / 54°	
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	79° / 64°	
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	75° / 58°	

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- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

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4:21 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.58	
11:12 AM	LOW TIDE	0.18	
5:54 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.81	
11:57 PM	LOW TIDE	0.82	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:06 AM	6:05 PM
Tuesday	6:06 AM	6:05 PM
Wednesday	6:07 AM	6:04 PM
Thursday	6:07 AM	6:03 PM
Friday	6:07 AM	6:02 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	2:40 am	3:38 pm
Tuesday	-	3:33 am	4:22 pm
Wednesday	-	4:26 am	5:06 pm
Thursday	-	5:20 am	5:50 pm
Friday	-	6:15 am	6:36 pm

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily	DL298	10:20am	3:00pm	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7	7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5	7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	2, 3, 4	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1, 2, 3
TW308	2:35am	6:20am	6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	TW307	8:05pm	1:35am+1	5, 6
ZE582	3:40am	7:00am	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	ZE581	9:00pm	2:40am+1	Daily
LJ652	4:45am	8:35am	Daily	LJ651	10:00pm	3:30am+1	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	5:20am	8:00am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)				HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
JD396	7:00am	10:25am	1	JD395	8:10am	3:30pm	4
JD396	4:50pm	8:15pm	4	JD395	10:05pm	5:30am+1	7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:00am	1, 2, 4, 6 via GUM	UA192/6395	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
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SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:20pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
U043	4:40am	8:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	U042	6:10pm	1:00am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA6391/159	1:30pm	9:50pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM	UA116/6395	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, ZE Eastar Jet, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.			
SAIPAN TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily
GUAM TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily
SAIPAN TO TINIAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

United is named Airline of the Year by IFSA

LONG BEACH, Calif.—At the International Flight Services Association Compass Awards last week, United Airlines was named the 2017 Airline of the Year in recognition of its United Polaris business class experience.

The IFSA, a global professional association serving the needs and interests of airline and railway personnel, bestow Compass Awards to celebrate creativity, innovation and excellence within the industry.

This award honored United's efforts to provide customers with a dramati-

cally-redesigned, luxurious, sleep-enhancing experience from lounge to landing.

"We spent years gathering feedback from our customers, airport agents and flight attendants, incorporating it into everything from seat design to dining options to amenities, and fine-tuned each element of our business class to make sure that we offer an experience that not only meets our customers' needs, but goes above and beyond," said Mark Kroll, vice president, marketing at United. "This recognition is a testament to all of our em-

ployees who work so diligently to ensure that we provide customers with the absolute best in international business travel. Thank you to the International Flight Services Association for this distinction."

In rethinking its international business class experience, United conducted more than 12,000 hours of research, and sleep emerged as the single most important priority for travelers.

United Polaris' path-breaking design and sleep-enhancing focus were inspired and informed by insights from hundreds of customers and employees, inflight product simulations and more than 100 product evaluations.

With a focus on providing a more tranquil journey for customers, United Polaris features include: the roll-out of new United Polaris lounges

with rest spaces, spa-like showers and high-end pre-flight dining options; a custom-designed personal onboard suite with added privacy, comfort and convenience; sleep-focused amenities such as custom Saks Fifth Avenue luxury bedding and spa-quality Cowshed products from Soho House & Co; and reimagined dining options created in partnership with chefs from The Trotter Project.

The IFSA credited United with creating a fully integrated experience for customers from

on the ground to onboard.

The Compass Awards are voted on by IFSA members and a panel of judges.

Earlier this year, the airline took home additional honors for United Polaris including the award for Best Onboard Textiles for its sleep amenities at the Aircraft Interiors Expo. Judges called out the "wonderful and sophisticated collection of items to support rest onboard."

For more information on United Polaris, visit: United.com/Polaris. (PR)

Stracner is HUD Pacific administrator

SAN FRANCISCO—Jimmy Stracner is the new regional administrator for the U.S. Housing and Urban Development's Pacific region, which includes Arizona, Hawaii, California, Nevada, and the territories of Guam, American Samoa, and the CNMI in the Pacific region.

Stracner (Strās-nor) was sworn in earlier this week by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development deputy secretary Pamela Patenaude.

As regional administrator, Stracner will serve as HUD's liaison to mayors, city managers, state and local officials, members of Congress, private and non-profit developers, stakeholders and customers.

"I am honored and excited to join Secretary [Ben] Carson, our dedicated staff and committed community partners across our western states and territories," said Stracner. "Let's work together to address the affordable housing and community development needs for all in our great region."

Stracner, who is one of 10 HUD regional administrators in the United States, has worked on numerous advocacy and political campaigns in Nevada and California over the past decade.

Prior to this appointment, he served as deputy political director for Marsy's Law for All, a national advocacy campaign to assure equal rights for victims of crime.

Last fall, Stracner served as communications director for the No on 2 Campaign, which opposed the legalization of recreational marijuana in Nevada and also served as a consultant for Nevada's Republican Assembly caucus.

In 2015, Stracner joined the Ben Carson for President campaign as his Nevada State director and then the Trump for President campaign as the western states political director. Prior to this and since 2014, he served as the Republican National Committee Nevada State director and from 2013 to 2014 he directed Engage Nevada, a non-partisan voter registration campaign

credited for transforming the leadership makeup of Nevada's executive and legislative branches of government.

In 2012, Stracner directed the RNC's voter registration efforts in Nevada and, from 2007 to 2008 he served as a field representative to Rep. John Doolittle (CA-4). He currently lives in Las Vegas with his wife Leah. (PR)

National SHRM exec to address local chapter

Jon Decoteau, the divisional director of the Society for Human Resource Management, will be the main speaker at the CNMI Chapter's membership meeting on Oct. 4. The meeting is from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

Decoteau, SHRM-SCP, who has over 25 years of experience in the human resource profession, will talk about the future of HR in a changing workplace.

Currently, he is the divisional director and the Cali-

formia field services leader for SHRM, in Sacramento, California.

Prior to joining SHRM, he has held senior leadership roles at several international companies including eBay, Coca-Cola, Motorola, Nissan, and General Dynamics. His HR career has taken him around the globe, working on-site and on-location with HR teams in 19 countries and on five continents.

Decoteau will discuss how, as an HR professional, HR

professionals can play a significant role in promoting the success of their organization by understanding the organizations business objectives and the changing environment—nationally and globally—in which you compete.

In this session, attendees will learn the business skills you need to develop to become a strong contributor to the "bottom line."

Decoteau will also review ways to leverage three key tools—analytics, leadership

development, and workplace flexibility—to more effectively engage an organization's human capital assets in fulfilling your business goals. He will also speak on how HR professionals and managers can develop HR strategies for a culturally diverse workforce.

This will be a lunch presentation. The fee is \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-SHRM members. Contact Penny Jones by email at penelope.jones@hyatt.com or Denise Montenegro at denise.montenegro@hyatt.com or by telephone at 323-5867/68. (PR)



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Chief Aghurub Memorial



As early as 8am last Saturday, the Chief Aghurub memorial on Managaha was already adorned with a wreath and flowers, remembering the chief who initiated the voyage to the Marianas over 200 years ago.

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA



The Carolinian community choir sings hymns during the commemorative Mass conducted in honor of Chief Aghurub on Managaha last Saturday.

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA



Rep. Ivan Blanco, third from the left, poses with his comrades during the 47th Annual Chief Aghurub memorial celebration last Saturday on Managaha.

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA



A massive feast is held during the Chief Aghurub memorial celebration on Managaha last Saturday.

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA



The Rafaluwasch Warriors perform a traditional dance during the Chief Aghurub memorial celebration on Managaha last Saturday.

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA



Former lawmaker Felicidad Ogumoro takes the Holy Communion given by Fr. Sid Ogumoro during the commemorative Mass conducted in honor of Chief Aghurub on Managaha last Saturday.

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA



Rep. Donald Barcinas (second from right) poses for a photo with members of the Carolinian community during the 47th Annual memorial celebration last Saturday on Managaha.

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA



Fr. Sid Ogumoro is presented with a traditional *mwar* during the commemorative Mass he conducted in honor of Chief Aghurub on Managaha last Saturday.

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA



Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong, president of the Chief Aghurub Foundation, gives his opening remarks during the Chief Aghurub memorial celebration on Managaha last Saturday.

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA



Professional weavers were present during the Chief Aghurub memorial celebration on Managaha last Saturday to teach interested individual the art of traditional weaving.

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

NBG, Make-A-Wish tie up to host Sailor for a Day

By THERESA MERTO CEPEDA
U.S. NAVAL BASE GUAM
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

SANTA RITA, Guam—By all accounts, 11-year-old Maegan Ern is a typical tween.

She loves to play basketball with her cousins and watch “princess shows.” Her favorite food is Ichiban, Spam, and fried rice. And like other kids her age, she is attached to her iPhone7.

But two years ago, her life was changed. She was diagnosed with Fanconi’s anemia, a rare genetic disorder in the category of inherited bone marrow failure syndromes. It results in decreased production of all types of blood cells.

Despite her circumstances, Ern does not let the condition affect her everyday life. The math buff is looking forward to the future and hopes to one day become a doctor so she can help others. With the assistance of the Make-A-Wish Foundation in Guam and U.S. Naval Base Guam personnel, she was able to cross another goal off her list and become Sailor for a Day.

On Sept. 30, Ern had the opportunity to be a sailor during an honorary enlistment at the command headquarters.

Ern is the second Make-A-Wish recipient to participate in the SFAD program. The program is a wish enhancement component for Maegan as her main wish for an iPhone 7 was granted in January, according to Make-A-Wish officials.

“It’s exciting,” Ern said of the opportunity to be a sailor. “It sounded fun. I’ve never done anything like this before.”

Capt. Hans Sholley, NBG commanding officer, coordinated with Make-A-Wish Guam to launch the NBG SFAD program earlier this year to do something special for children in similar circumstances.

“On behalf of the Naval Base Guam team, we are honored to be able to provide a memorable experience for our Sailor for a Day,” Sholley said. “Maegan deals with challenging circumstances on a daily basis and her bravery is a shining example for us all. She is truly a hero among heroes.”

Ern’s adventure started with her enlistment into the Navy, uniform issue, a ride in an NBG patrol car and fire-truck, and an excursion on a U.S. Coast Guard small boat in Apra Harbor.

“USCG Sector Guam was honored to host Maegen and her family on board the 45-foot response boat,” said Cmdr.



THERESA MERTO CEPEDA

Maegan Ern poses for a picture with the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5.

James Campbell, USCG Sector Guam deputy sector commander. “The Make-A-Wish Foundation afforded our Coast Guard members an unforgettable experience as they got to be a part of Maegen’s special day as she took to the sea. We proudly welcome her to our Coast Guard family.

She was integrated with Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5, controlling robots and observing demonstrations. Ern also took a tour of the USS *Oklahoma City* and saw first-hand how a submariner lives while out at sea.

“Most of my sailors have families, many with small

children. Families play a critical part in our unit and mission readiness. When life events occur, specifically when dealing with the health of a child, our sailors overwhelmingly rally behind each other without hesitation,” said Cmdr. Mike Tollison, EODMU-5 commanding officer. “My command was excited to take part in Naval Base Guam’s ‘Sailor for the Day’ program. My crew eagerly volunteered for this opportunity and designed events that we know will make her time here special. We hope Maegan leaves with an understanding of some of the exciting mission

areas that we are trained to do in support of our country’s national priorities. Although it’s a special day for Maegan, it’s also a special day for EOD Mobile Unit 5 when we can participate in events like Make a Wish.”

At the end of the day, she received an evaluation of her performance, End of Tour award, and a command coin as a testament to a job well done.

“Maegan tires easily and isn’t able to participate in a lot of activities but she knows her limits and is still able to join in and have fun,” her mother, Conception Ern is,

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS**

Diomedes R. Patio)
Petitioner,) FCD-DI-CIVIL
-vs-) ACTION NO.
Lorena Dela) 17-0433T
Mines Patio)
Respondent) **SUMMONS
FOR PUBLICATIONS**

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 520274 Tinian MP 96952 as soon as practical after filling your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 8th day of September, 2017.

/s/ Clerk of Court

MICHAEL A. WHITE, ESQ. F0122
THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC
POST OFFICE BOX 5222
SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS 96950
TEL.: (670) 234-6547
FAX: (670) 234-9537

ATTORNEY FOR Plaintiff

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

COMMONWEALTH)
GOVERNMENT)
EMPLOYEE’S) CIVIL ACTION
CREDIT UNION,) NO. 17-0069
Plaintiff)
-vs-) SUMMONS FOR
VINCENT X. MAILMONG,) PUBLICATION
Defendant)

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC, the Plaintiff’s attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated September 14, 2017 by order of the Court:

/s/ Clerk of Court

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS**

UNION BANK,)
Plaintiff,) CIVIL ACTION
-vs-) NO. 94-1046
JUAN L. EVANGELISTA)
Defendant)

NINETEENTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Second Amended Order issued by the Court in this matter on August 2, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Tract 22845-19 (part of original Tract 22845-REM, A.H. 31), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat no. 2083/84, the original of which was recorded August 2, 1984, as Document No. 84-1398 at the office of the Commonwealth Recorder, Saipan.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, October 27, 2017, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 25th day September, 2017:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

said. “Maegan is very excited so it makes me excited. Thank you for making my daughter happy. It makes me happy to see her happy.”

The mission of Make-A-Wish is to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

“We are grateful for any offer of activity that will enhance a wish for our Wish kids. Many of our local population serve in the armed forces in one capacity or another. This is a terrific opportunity

for our children to glimpse into the professions and lives of what some of their relatives may be doing,” said Eric Tydingco, Make-A-Wish Guam/CNMI executive director, acknowledging all the sailors who spent their Saturday hosting Ern is.

“Thank you for spending your valuable free time with our Wish kids. We know that there are many other things that may demand your time, and for you to devote some of that to bringing excitement and joy to our Wish kids is heartwarming.” (PR)

TO AGRIPINA I. GIODA AND MICHAEL J. GIODA:

You are in default in your Grant conversion Agreement dated January 14, 2011, secured by a Real Estate Mortgage of July 13, 2005, executed and delivered by you to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation.

(a) Description of the real property covered by Mortgage:

Lot no. 011 G 264, situated in Kagman III, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 750 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat no. 011 G 06 dated December 1, 1993, Commonwealth Recorder’s File no. 93-4414, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Date and amount of Grant conversion Agreement and Mortgage: Grant conversion Agreement dated January 14, 2011; Mortgage dated July 13, 2005; \$42,324.19

(c)	Amount due for principal:	\$42,324.19
(d)	Amount due for interest:	-0-
(e)	Daily accruing interest:	-0-
(f)	Late charges	-0-

If the principal, interest, and late charges \$42,324.19, plus accruing interest, together with reasonable attorney’s fees in the amount of \$500.00, are not paid within (30) days from the date of service of this notice upon you, you will be in default, and Court proceedings will be commenced against you to foreclose upon the said Mortgage because of the default.

Unless you, within thirty (30) days after receipt of this letter dispute the validity of the claim, or any portion thereof, is disputed, we will obtain information on the debt and mail you a copy thereof. Upon your written request within this thirty (30)-day period, we will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the creditor indicates above.

This notice is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Ti un komple I kontratan debimu (Grant Conversion Agreement) ni un fitma gi Enero dia 14, 2011, ni afabobot I Real Estate Mortgage ma aseguro I tano yan guma ni un empena gi mismo dia, un fotma yan un entrega I empena (Mortgage) guato gi Northern Marianas Housing Corporation.

(a) I deskripsion tano ni ma empeneñ (mortgaged):

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(b) I kantida yan I fechan este na debi yan empepeña: Grant Conversion Agreement gi Enero 14, 2011; Mortgage gi Julio 13, 2005; \$42,324.19

(c)	Kantida un debi para principat:	\$42, 324.19
(d)	Kantida un debi para interes:	-0-
(e)	Interes kada dia:	-0-
(f)	Apas pot atrasao (late charges)	-0-

Yanin ti un apasi I kantida na principat, interes, yan asas pot atrasao (late charges) \$42,324.19 yan I resanable na asas abugado pot \$500.00 gi halom trenta (30) dias despues di I fecha ni un resibe este na notisia, un ma konsidera komo ti unkomple I kontratamu (default), ya siempre u-matutuhun kontra hago a kausan kotti ni para uma kondena ya uma bendi I propriadat tano’mu ni un empepeña guato gi Northern Marianas Housing Corporation.

Solo yangin halon trenta (30) dias despues de un resibe este na kata yan un kontra minagahet-ña pot I apudera sino komo I pattida, siempre bai in hongge an asientadu a apudera. Pago yangin un kattayi ham gi halom este I trenta (30) dias siklo man infofoftma hao pot I apudera sino komo I pattida para un kontra, pues bai in henta informasion pot I dibi-mu despues un ma kattayi I kopia pot este na de’unta. Anai in resibe I kata-mu gi halon trenta (30) dias siklo, bai in nai’i hao I na’an yan address I akredot komo ti parehu na akredot ma indika guini hulu.

Este na notisia para u ma na’kesiña ma rikohi I dibi mu, Masega hafa na infotmasion ni in resibe pot este na apudera – siña bai in usa para bai in ke-chagi mu rekohi para este I dibi-mu.

/s/
MICHAEL A. WHITE, ESQ
Attorney at Law

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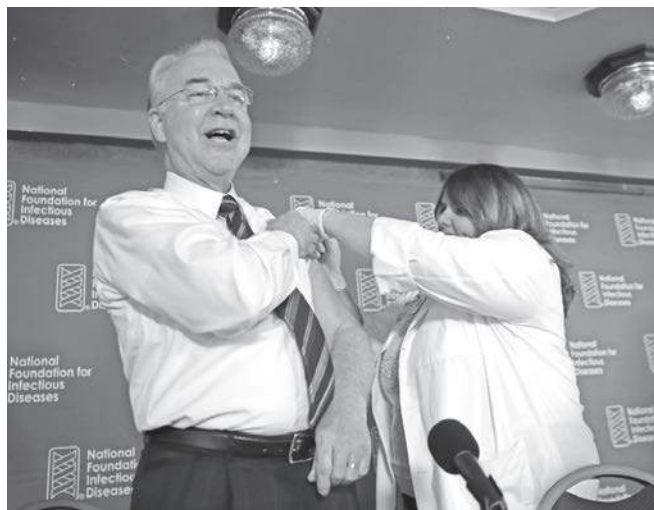
Price's exit complicates GOP health care push

BRANCHBURG, N.J. (AP)—The ouster of Tom Price as President Donald Trump's health secretary is yet another self-inflicted blow for Republicans wishing to put their own stamp on health care — and the latest distraction for a White House struggling to advance its agenda after months of turmoil.

Price resigned Friday amid investigations into his use of costly charter flights for official travel at taxpayer expense. His exit makes it even more unlikely that Republicans will be able to deliver on their promise to repeal and replace former President Barack Obama's law, even though they control the White House and both chambers of Congress.

"I think health care is a dead letter through the next election," Joe Antos, a policy expert with the business-oriented American Enterprise Institute, said Saturday.

The health secretary's exit capped a week in which a last-ditch GOP health care bill failed to advance in the Senate. Regaining momentum will be more difficult now that the White House also has to find a replacement for Price. That makes it harder to visualize how the administration and congressional Republicans can fulfill their goal of remaking the health care system along conservative lines, although Trump has said he's



Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price, left, receives a flu vaccination from Sharon Walsh-Bonadies, RN., right during a news conference recommending everyone age six months and older be vaccinated against influenza each year, Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017 in Washington.

confident a plan can pass early next year.

Price — who Trump concluded had become a distraction — had been on the rocks with the president since before the travel flap. A former Republican congressman from Georgia, he proved less helpful than expected on the health care fight. Price played a supporting role while Vice President Mike Pence took the lead, especially with the Senate.

The health secretary's departure — the latest in a list that now includes Trump's chief of staff, national security adviser, press secretary and two communications directors — is also unlikely to end

what has been a steady drip of revelations about potentially inappropriate travel on the part of Cabinet members.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin has come under fire for requesting a government aircraft to use on his honeymoon, while Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said he'd taken three charter flights while in office, including a \$12,375 late-night trip from Las Vegas to his home state of Montana in June. The Environmental Protection Agency's inspector general has opened an inquiry into Administrator Scott Pruitt's frequent taxpayer-funded travel on commercial planes.

Farmers say Maria wrecked bright spot of Puerto Rico economy

For 21 years Hector Alejandro Santiago spread joy throughout Puerto Rico with the poinsettias, orchids and other ornamental plants he raised and sold to major retailers including Costco, Walmart and Home Depot. In a matter of hours Hurricane Maria wiped it away.

The greenhouses and other buildings on the 40 acres where he grew the plants and prepared them for customers lie in tatters, ripped to shreds by 155 mph (244 kph) winds and driving rain. Trees are flattened.

"I will need to begin from zero," said Santiago, 43, whose Cali Nurseries is located in Barranquitas, a small mountain city 34 miles (55 kilometers) southwest of San Juan. He's determined to rebuild and get back into business despite the losses he estimates at \$1.5 million.

Hurricane Maria struck Puerto Rico on Sept. 20 as a

Category 4 storm, the strongest to hit the island in a century. At least 16 people died and nearly all 3.4 million people on the island were left without power and most without water.

The hurricane devastated agriculture, a small bright spot of economic growth in a U.S. territory mired in a decade-long recession and crushing debt.

While most of the island's food is imported, statistics from the governor as of late 2016 show about 7,000 people working in agriculture, farm income growing and acres under cultivation up 50 percent over the past four years.

Agricultural income is divided nearly equally between crop and livestock production, according to the most recent Census of Agriculture compiled by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for Puerto Rico in 2012.

Crop sales generate about \$271 million a year led by

production of plantains, vegetables and melons, nursery and greenhouse crops, fruits and coffee. Livestock sales are about \$276 million led by milk production, poultry and cattle, the report said.

Noel Lopez, 40, operates 10 dairy farms with his father and brother. Before the storm they were milking 12,000 cows, producing 22,000 gallons (85,000 liters) of milk a day. Maria destroyed 90 percent of the barns and as many as 700 cows are missing or dead, each one valued at \$2,500.

Without electricity, Lopez spent days after the storm focusing on finding enough diesel fuel to keep generators running so the cows could be milked and the milk could be kept cool. Failure to milk the cows could lead to an infection that could kill them and the milk can spoil within days without refrigeration.

Nation

Trump criticizes media, San Juan mayor in tweets

BRANCHBURG, N.J. (AP)—President Donald Trump on Saturday lashed out at the mayor of San Juan and other officials in storm-ravaged Puerto Rico, contemptuous of their claims of a laggard U.S. response to the natural disaster that has imperiled the island's future.

"Such poor leadership ability by the Mayor of San Juan, and others in Puerto Rico, who are not able to get their workers to help," Trump said in a series of tweets a day after the capital city's mayor appealed for help "to save us from dying."

"They want everything to be done for them when it should be a community effort," Trump wrote from his New Jersey golf club.

The tweets were a biting attack on the leader of a community in crisis. After 10 days of desperation, with many still unable to access essentials including food and water, San Juan Mayor Carmen Yulín Cruz accused the Trump administration Friday of "killing us with the inefficiency" after Hurricane Maria. She implored the president, who is set to visit the U.S. territory on Tuesday, to "make sure somebody is in charge that is up to the task of saving lives."

"I am begging, begging anyone that can hear us, to save us from dying," Cruz said at a news conference, her voice breaking with rage.

His critical response was

an unusually pointed rebuke from the president in the heat of a disaster — a time when leaders often put aside partisan differences in the name of solidarity. But it was a reminder of Trump's unrelenting penchant for punching back against critics, whatever the circumstances.

Trump has said he's doing everything possible to help the "great people of PR!" and has pledged to spare no effort to help the island recover from Maria's ruinous aftermath. He has also repeatedly applauded his government's recovery efforts, saying military personnel and first responders have done "an amazing job," despite the significant logistical challenges.

Thousands more Puerto Ricans have received water and rationed food as an aid bottleneck has begun to ease. But many, especially outside the capital, remain desperate for necessities, including water, power and fuel.

Trump's administration has tried in recent days to combat the perception that he failed to quickly grasp the magnitude of Maria's destruction and has given the U.S. commonwealth less attention than he'd bestowed on states like Texas, Louisiana and Florida after they were hit by hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Trump had repeatedly praised the residents of those states as strong and resilient, saying

at one point that Texas could "handle anything."

Administration officials have held numerous press conferences providing updates on relief efforts and Trump on Saturday spoke by phone from New Jersey with FEMA Administrator Brock Long, Puerto Rico's governor, Ricardo Rosselló, and other several other local officials.

But after a week of growing criticism, the president's patience appears to be waning.

"The Mayor of San Juan, who was very complimentary only a few days ago, has now been told by the Democrats that you must be nasty to Trump," the president charged, without substantiation.

FEMA administrator Brock Long also piled on: "The problem that we have with the mayor unfortunately is that unity of command is ultimately what's needed to be successful in this response," he said, requesting that she report to a joint field office.

Cruz declined to engage in the tit-for-tat, instead calling for a united focus on the people who need help. "The goal is one: saving lives. This is the time to show our 'true colors.' We cannot be distracted by anything else," she tweeted, along with photos of herself meeting with residents and rescue workers, wading hip-deep through a flooded street and comforting an elderly woman.



ACROSS THE NATION

Amid outcry over Confederate markers, new ones are going up

ATLANTA (AP)—While Confederate statues and monuments around the nation get removed, defaced, covered up or toppled, some new memorials are being erected, by people who insist their only purpose is to honor the soldiers who died for the South. Supporters of these new Civil War monuments describe a determination to hold onto their understanding of history. "What I want to get across is how much the South suffered, not only through the war but after the war, during the Reconstruction years," said David Coggins. His Confederate Veterans Memorial Park in Brantley, Alabama,

dedicated a memorial to "Unknown Alabama Confederate Soldiers" in September. Others say race has nothing to do with these new monuments, unlike those erected in the early 20th century. "The problem was with some of the other statues that were put up, that were basically intended to intimidate people," said Danny Francis, commander of a Sons of Confederate Veterans unit in South Carolina. "We're not trying to oppress anyone—we're just historians. We welcome everybody."

California schools warn flutes could be tainted with semen

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif. (AP)—Parents were warned Saturday that a music teacher with a nonprofit

group may have handed out flutes to schoolchildren that were tainted with his own semen. A state and federal investigation was under way into whether youngsters at schools around Southern California may have received tainted flutes. The Los Angeles Unified School District said it was cooperating in an investigation of alleged "inappropriate sexual conduct involving a musical performer" that affected at least 13 school districts. One LAUSD school may have been involved, the district said in a statement. Several other Southern California districts notified parents by email on Friday and Saturday that a performer associated with the nonprofit group Flutes Across the World was being investigated.

Asia

Tillerson says US has direct channels to talk to N. Korea

BEIJING (AP)—U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson acknowledged on Saturday that the United States is maintaining direct channels of communications with North Korea even as tensions rise over the North's nuclear and missile programs and the countries' leaders spar through bellicose name-calling.

Tillerson said the U.S. was probing North Korea's willingness to talk, and called for a calming of the situation on the Korean Peninsula, adding it was incumbent on the North to halt the missile launches.

"We have lines of communication to Pyongyang. We're not in a dark situation, a blackout," Tillerson told reporters during a visit to China. "We have a couple ... three channels open to Pyongyang. We can talk to them, we do talk to them."

No elaboration about those channels or the substance of any discussions came from Tillerson, who met with Chinese President Xi Jinping and other top officials in Beijing.

While Tillerson affirmed that the U.S. would not recognize North Korea as a nuclear power, he also said the Trump administration had no intention of trying to oust Kim. "Despite assurances that the United States is not interested in promoting the collapse of the current regime, pursuing regime change, accelerating reunification of the peninsula or mobilizing forces north of the DMZ, North Korean of-

ficials have shown no indication that they are interested in or are ready for talks regarding denuclearization," U.S. State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said in a statement.

The Korean Peninsula remains in a technical state of war, and the Demilitarized Zone divides North and South Korea.

Since President Donald Trump took office in January, the U.S. has restored a diplomatic back-channel between the State Department and North Korea's mission at the United Nations. That's traditionally been a way for the two sides to communicate because they lack formal diplomatic ties.

The main aim of the initial contacts was to seek the freedom of several American citizens imprisoned in North Korea, although U.S. officials have told The Associated Press that there were broader discussions about U.S.-North Korean relations. Those contacts, however, have failed to reduce the deep mistrust between the adversaries and it's unclear to what extent they have endured the current spike in tensions.

North Korea has in recent months tested long-range missiles that potentially could reach the U.S., and on Sept. 3 conducted its largest nuclear test explosion to date. The standoff has entered a new, more dangerous phase since then as North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and Trump have

exchanged personal insults and threats of war.

"I think the most immediate action that we need is to calm things down," Tillerson said. "They're a little overheated right now. And I think we need to calm them down first." He did not directly address the impact of Trump's own rhetoric.

"Obviously it would help if North Korea would stop firing off missiles. That would calm things down a lot," Tillerson said.

Trump gave a combative speech recently at the U.N. General Assembly in which he mocked Kim as "Rocket Man" on a "suicide mission." Trump said that if "forced to defend itself or its allies, we will have no choice but to totally destroy North Korea." Kim responded by saying he would "tame the mentally deranged U.S. dotard with fire."

Tillerson's stop in the Chinese capital was helping lay the groundwork for a November state visit by Trump, part of a five-nation swing through Asia. Trump has pressed for sterner measures against the North by China, the North's chief trading partner and source of aid and diplomatic support.

Beijing adamantly opposes steps that could bring down Kim's government, but appears increasingly willing to tighten the screws. China has agreed to tough new U.N. penalties that would substantially cut foreign revenue for the isolated North.

The Department of Foreign Affairs said Friday that its diplomats told the countries, which issued a joint statement in Geneva expressing serious concern over human rights conditions in the Philippines, "to respect Manila's domestic processes." The government, through its diplomatic mission to the United Nations in Geneva, said it takes "grave exception to the sweeping and politicized statement" delivered by Iceland on behalf of 38 other countries during a meeting of the Human Rights Council in Geneva this week, the department said. In their statement, the countries said they "remain concerned about the thousands of killings and climate of impunity associated with the war on drugs," and cited Philippine commitments to investigate these crimes and observe due process.

"Those who live outside the danger zone, we urge them to go back home and carry on with their daily lives," said Putu Widiada, head of the disaster mitigation agency in Klungkung district south of the volcano where some 22,000 people have fled. "We are trying to identify those who lived outside the danger zone."

PH slams 39 countries calling for end to killings

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine government has denounced 39 mostly Western nations, including the United States, Britain and France, which have urged it to end thousands of killings under President Rodrigo Duterte's anti-drug crackdown and allow investigations in cooperation with the international community.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Bali authorities urge many who fled volcano to return home

KLUNGKUNG, Indonesia (AP)—Authorities were trying to convince more than half of the 144,000 people who fled a menacing volcano on the Indonesian island of Bali to return home Saturday, saying they left areas that are safe. The Mount Agung volcano on Bali, a tourist hotspot known for its lush interior, Hindu culture and beguiling beaches, has been at its highest alert level for more than a week, sparking an exodus from an official danger zone and areas farther away. Authorities say the no-go zone, which in places extends 12 kilometers (7.5 miles) from the crater, is the area at risk of lava, lahars and searing hot clouds of ash, gases and rock fragments if there's a powerful eruption.

World

Catalans assemble in polling stations defying police orders

BARCELONA, Spain (AP)—Catalans were defying rain and police orders to leave designated polling stations Sunday ahead of a banned referendum on the region's secession that has challenged Spain's political and institutional order.

The country's Constitutional Court has suspended the vote and the Spanish central government says it's illegal. Regional separatist leaders have pledged to hold it anyway and have called on 5.3 million eligible voters to cast ballots.

Defiant crowds gathered before dawn Sunday in Barcelona and towns across Catalonia at schools and some of the other 2,315 facilities designated as polling stations. They were joining parents, children and activists who occupied the buildings over the weekend to make sure that polls open at 9 a.m. (0700GMT) on Sunday.

It was unclear how many of the polling stations would be able to open, if any at all. The Ministry of Interior didn't provide a number late on Saturday when it said that "most" of them had been sealed off and that only "some" remained occupied.

Police have received orders to avoid the use of force and only have been warning people to vacate the facilities. They are also supposed to confiscate ballots and ballot boxes.

Activist Augsti Gil said there were no ballots or ballot boxes early Sunday at

Barcelona's Joan Fuster high school, where hundreds have gathered ahead of the vote, but he expected them to arrive by the time polls opened.

Tension has been on the rise since the vote was called in early September, crystalizing years of defiance by separatists in the affluent region, which contributes a fifth of Spain's 1.1 trillion-euro economy (\$1.32 trillion.)

Spain's 2008-2013 financial



crisis and harsh austerity measures fueled frustration in Catalonia for setbacks in efforts to gain greater autonomy, with many Catalans feeling they could do better on their own.

Courts and police have been cracking down for days to halt the vote, confiscating 10 million paper ballots and arresting key officials involved in the preparations. On Saturday, Civil Guard agents dismantled the technology to connect voting stations, count the votes and vote online, leading the Spanish government to announce that holding the referendum would be "impossible."

Joaquim Bosch, a 73-year-old retiree at Princep de Viana high school, where a crowd of

20 people was growing Sunday morning, said he was uneasy about a possible police response to the crowds.

"I have come to vote to defend the rights of my country, which is Catalonia," Bosch said. "I vote because of the mistreatment of Catalonia by Spain for many years."

On Saturday, Spain's foreign minister dismissed the planned vote as anti-democratic, saying it runs "counter to the goals and ideals" of the European Union.

"What they are pushing is not democracy. It is a mockery of democracy, a travesty of democracy," Alfonso Dastis told The Associated Press in an interview.

Dozens of protests have been taking place in Catalonia and across Spain, some to condemn the crackdown on the vote and others supporting the nation's unity against the independence bid.

No minimum turnout has been set for the validity of the vote by Catalan authorities. Regional government officials initially hoped for a turnout greater than the 2.3 million people who voted in a mock referendum in 2014 in which 80 percent favored independence but have recently signaled that they would consider the vote valid with a lower number given the challenges to hold it.

Separatist Catalan leaders have pledged to declare independence from Spain within 48 hours of Sunday's vote if the 'yes' side wins.

WORLD BRIEFS

US calls mysterious health ailments in Cuba 'attacks'

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Trump administration is now calling those mysterious health ailments in Cuba "attacks" rather than merely incidents. The State Department is warning Americans to stay away from Cuba as it orders home more than half its diplomatic corps. Who is behind the attacks remains unknown to U.S. officials. At least 21 diplomats and family members have been affected. The department says symptoms include hearing loss, dizziness, headache, fatigue, cognitive issues and difficulty sleeping. Officials say that the U.S. Embassy in Cuba will stop processing visas for prospective Cuban

travelers to the United States indefinitely. Initially some futuristic "sonic attack" was suspected, but the picture remains muddy. The FBI and other agencies that searched homes and hotels where incidents occurred found no devices.

Airstrikes on IS-held areas in Syria kill and wound dozens

BEIRUT (AP)—Airstrikes on villages and towns held by the Islamic State group in eastern Syria have killed and wounded dozens a day after an attack by the extremists killed more than 120 pro-government fighters and briefly cut off the highway linking the capital Damascus with eastern Syria, opposition activists said Saturday. It

was not immediately clear if the airstrikes on areas including Mayadeen, Boukamal, Bouleil, Bouomar and Mushassan were carried out by the Russians or the U.S.-led coalition. Syrian troops have been advancing in the eastern province of Deir el-Zour against IS under the cover of Russian airstrikes while the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces are marching against the extremists under the cover of airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition. The airstrikes came after two days of clashes between Syrian government forces and their allies against IS fighters in central and eastern Syria that left nearly 200 dead on both sides. Syrian troops and their allies have regained most of the areas they had lost earlier.

Health & Fitness

Ideas for improving herb flavor



Herbs and spices, such as this basil, can add a new dimension to your home cooking. DREAMSTIME

Herbs can add a new dimension to your home-cooked dishes. And the fresh taste of spices, such as oregano, thyme and rosemary, can reduce the amount of salt you might otherwise shake into your recipes.

Jen Welper, an executive chef with the Mayo Clinic Healthy Living Program, has three tips for getting the most bang out of your basil and other herbs.

"We will add some basil," says Welper, as she reaches for fresh basil to continue building an heirloom tomato salad. "Your best bet is going to be using fresh."

TIP NO. 1: When possible, use fresh herbs.

TIP NO. 2: Rehydrate dry herbs before you work them into a dish.

"We're going to add a little bit of vinegar and some olive oil," says Welper as she pours vinegar over dried basil.

Welper says the vinegar rehydrates this dried basil. The olive oil helps it cling to what needs seasoning.

"You'd do this if you're trying to season a chicken breast, or if you're trying to season potatoes," says Welper.

TIP NO. 3: If you want spices to stick, make sure they are finely chopped.

"That's a big mistake people make, especially with rosemary and thyme," explains Welper. "They don't really chop it. And it all, kind of, falls off."

Welper uses a sharp knife and some elbow grease to ensure the thyme sticks to beets in the dish she's creating. Toss with some olive oil, salt and pepper, roast for 15 minutes, and it's mission accomplished.

"So you've got a good, even flavoring through every bite," says Welper, as she places her beet sticks on top a small bed of arugula lettuce.

It's an herb-crusted beet recipe that lives up to its name.

"Dig in," says Welper. (Mayo Clinic News Network/TNS)

Fit for fall

A sound immune system makes it easier to fight infections during transition from summer to fall.

How to strengthen your body's defenses

Outdoor exercise
Hiking, running or cardio workout stimulates immune system, blood circulation, lungs and improves mental balance

Relax Stress damages the immune system; relax by reading, listening to music

Wellness Take a warm bath; add thyme oil to help the respiratory tract; don't bathe longer than 15 minutes

More light Enjoy daylight as long as possible; light affects brain, immune system and hormones such as endorphins

Sleep During fall and winter the body needs more energy; a good night's sleep regenerates the immune system

Shower Switch between warm and cold showers in the morning; this strengthens the muscles, improves circulation and nervous system

Food Lots of fruit, vegetables; light and low-fat nutrition with lots of vitamins; low alcohol intake

Fluid Support metabolism and immune system by drinking lots of water or herbal tea; mucous membranes in mouth and nose stay humid and don't dry out

Sauna Use sauna every second week; warmer body temperatures help the immune system fight infections

Source: Stern, health magazines Graphic: Staff, TNS

Personal Trainer

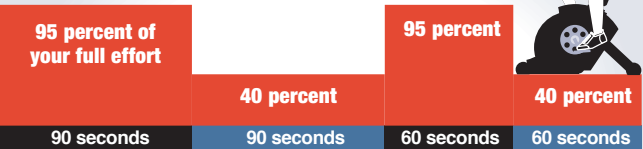
20-minute calorie burners

These intense workouts make two of the most popular exercise machines much more effective in burning calories.

Stationary bike

Burns up to 280 calories

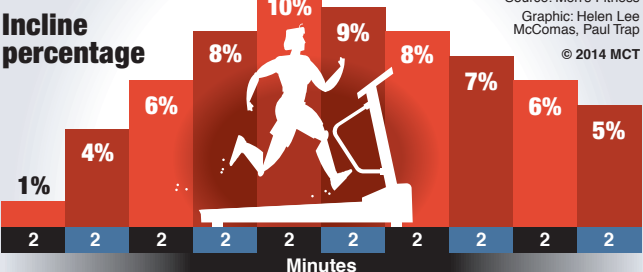
Warm up, then do this 10-minute set twice



Treadmill

Burns up to 340 calories

Run at a pace about 2 minutes per mile (1.5 minutes per km) slower than your usual speed



Source: Men's Fitness
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Symptoms, solutions for carpal tunnel syndrome

Carpal tunnel syndrome is a condition that creates numbness and tingling in your palm from the thumb to ring fingers. It occurs when a nerve on the palm side of the hand is compressed or irritated in some way. Often, a combination of risk factors contributes to the development of the condition, which tends to create initial symptoms at night.

Several treatment options are available to relieve tingling and numbness, and restore wrist and hand function.

A pathway within the structure of palm side of the hand creates the problem.

"This is the carpal tunnel ligament," says orthopedic surgeon

Dr. Sanj Kakar while pointing to a model of the inner workings of a human hand. "It's called the transverse retinacular ligament. The median nerve is this yellow structure."

Carpal tunnel syndrome is simply pressure on that nerve. A majority of the times, doctors don't know why, but sometimes it can be due to a mass or thickening of the tissues in the carpal canal.

"And patients will generally complain of numbness and tingling," says Kakar. "It mainly happens at nighttime."

Kakar says if symptoms are ignored, carpal tunnel can lead to difficulties doing what were routine tasks, due to clumsiness of the fingers.

"Women have difficulty doing their bra," he adds. "Men have difficulty doing the top button of their shirt."

Kakar says, for some patients, wearing a wrist brace at night can ease symptoms. A steroid injection may help — although the effect can wear off over time. The next step is a short surgery to open the tunnel and relieve the pressure.

"All we are doing is literally opening up this band," says Kakar, referencing a computer animation of a carpal tunnel surgery.

"The actual procedure takes five to 10 minutes," explains Kakar. "And it's amazing the number of times you see patients who say, 'I didn't realize that's all it took.'" (Mayo Clinic News Network)



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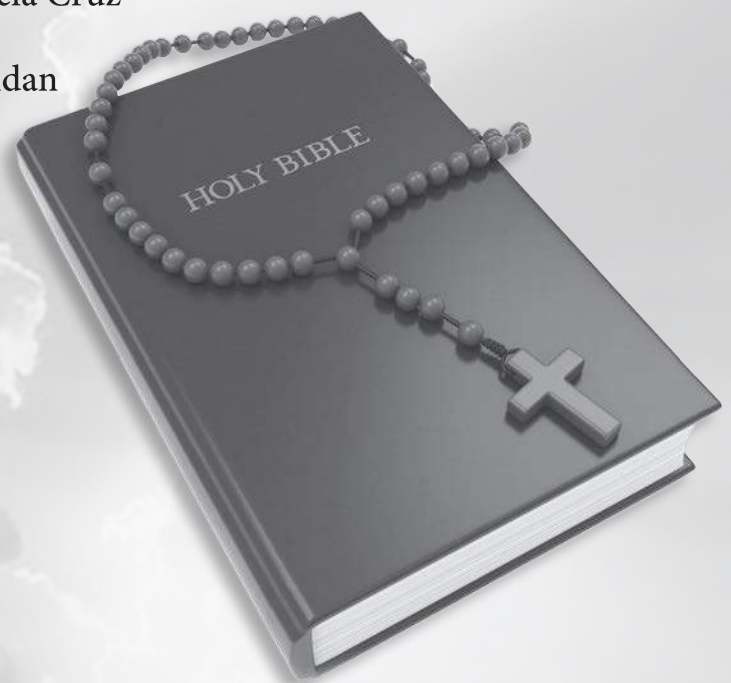
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Nightly Rosary is held at Kristo Rai Parish at 7:00 p.m. from
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On October 9, 2017, viewing will be available at 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Mt. Carmel Cathedral followed
by Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. followed by cremation.

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Life & Style

Hugh Hefner's company lives on, though as a shadow of itself

NEW YORK (AP)—Playboy Enterprises has outlived the founder of its iconic magazine, though largely as a shadow of its former self.

Hugh Hefner's Playboy, a magazine founded to celebrate his "Playboy Philosophy" of sexual freedom, influenced sex-

ual mores and popular culture for decades. A business empire grew out of that, but it's shrunk considerably over the years. It now lives on primarily as a set of bunny ears slapped on products around the world.

Hefner died earlier this week at 91.

The magazine itself, whose circulation peaked in the 1970s at 7 million, is now seen as more of a marketing tool that supports the licensing operations at the heart of the modern company.

"The magazine is sort of the tiny part of the equation

now," said Samir Husni, director of the Magazine Innovation Center at the University of Mississippi.

PLAYBOY THE MAGAZINE

Playboy, born in 1953, is still putting out print issues. But today its circulation has fallen

below 500,000, according to industry tracker the Alliance for Audited Media.

The free-for-all of internet publishing that has squeezed the newspaper and magazine industries has done likewise for Hefner's brainchild. Pornography for just about any taste or flavor is now available for free online.

For those who read Playboy for the articles ... well, there's no shortage of compelling journalism spread across the internet and available in your Facebook newsfeed.

THE PRIVATE EQUITY ERA

In 2011, as Hefner and private equity firm Rizvi Traverse Management arranged to take Playboy private, then-CEO Scott Flanders highlighted its transition to a "brand management company." Playboy aimed more upscale, dropping licensing deals that were more low-market in the U.S. It sold its adult TV and digital operations to an internet porn company. Then in October 2015 it declared that the magazine would no longer publish the nude photos it was famous for.

Media reports from spring 2016 said that Playboy was looking to sell itself for \$500 million, more than double the price paid in 2011. Private equity firms typically acquire troubled companies, then try to slash costs, improve profitability and resell them for a higher price.

Playboy didn't end up selling itself, but made a string

of changes anyway. Flanders left, and the CEO now is Ben Kohn, a managing partner at Rizvi Traverse, Playboy's majority owner.

Hefner's son Cooper, then 24, was brought in as chief creative officer in July 2016. Then the company sold the Playboy Mansion for \$100 million to next-door neighbor Daren Metropoulos, owner of Hostess (maker of Twinkies, Ho Hos and Ding Dongs).

The magazine reversed itself on its no-nudes policy earlier this year, saying nudity was part of its identity.

LICENSING EMPIRE

Playboy Enterprises today pulls in most of its revenue from licensing its brand—its name and those instantly recognizable bunny ears in a bow tie—for everything from perfume bottles to men's shoes. It wants to once again conjure up a hip and sexy image, leaving behind the cheese factor that's become associated with it in the U.S. The biggest market is Asia, and Playboy says it has been particularly successful in China.

"Playboy isn't just the magazine—the brand has evolved to become a 'lifestyle' brand with a luxurious, smart, and cultured image," Karina Masolova, executive editor of the trade publication The Licensing Letter, said in an email. "The branded merchandise is always going to sell (at least decently well) in the mature American and European markets."

New season of 'SNL' roars back by mocking Donald Trump early

NEW YORK (AP)—The new season of "Saturday Night Live" wasted no time getting topical—or mocking Donald Trump—with an opening sketch that featured Alec Baldwin skewering the president for his response to the hurricane that devastated Puerto Rico, threatening Attorney General Jeff Sessions' job and mentioning his stand-off with the NFL.

"It's all part of the plan. The more chaos I cause, the less people can focus," Baldwin joked as Trump, wearing golf clothes in the Oval Office. "Let's keep the chaos coming."

In the sketch, Baldwin's Trump was unclear that Puerto Rico was an American territory, hung up on the mayor of San Juan, put Sessions playfully on his lap and admitted he liked football. "People

say I remind them of an NFL player because I'm combative, I like to win and I might have a degenerative brain disease," Baldwin said. His Trump said he rewards loyalty but then ends the sketch palling around with U.S. Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer.

Trump was also a target on the show's "Weekend Update," with Colin Hanks pointing out that hip-hop artist Pitbull was sending a private plane to help victims in Puerto Rico. "How is the president of the United States worse at humanitarian aid than Pitbull?"

Michael Che also got into the act: "This isn't that complicated, man. It's hurricane relief. These people need help. You just did this for white people twice. Do the same thing. Tell Melania to put on her flood heels."

Legendary singer Connie Francis auctions life's treasures

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)—Connie Francis' decades-long career was marked by all the glittering things of Hollywood royalty. There were No. 1 hit songs, iconic movies, Hollywood boyfriends, glamorous gowns and TV appearances on "American Bandstand" and "The Ed Sullivan Show." Despite it all, she considers her personal life a bust.

"For as much success as I had professionally, personally I'm a failure," said Francis.

When pressed if that's what she really believes during a telephone interview, the 79-year-old singer says, "yeah I do. My choice of husbands, my lack of judgment in choosing the right husbands ... my impulsiveness, my not looking before I leapt. So many mistakes that I would have avoided."

Francis is auctioning some of her favorite trinkets at Heritage Auctions in Beverly Hills on Sunday, including the bomber jacket she wore performing in Vietnam, a love letter from singer Bob-



In this Nov. 27, 1978 file photo, singer Connie Francis poses for a portrait in Los Angeles. AP


by Darin where he laments he's "unhappy & miserable without you" and a 13-carat emerald ring with diamonds. She's also auctioning several letters from her famous friends, including Frankie Avalon, Dick Clark and Frank Sinatra.

"There was a girl once who told me she had saved a Styrofoam cup with my lip-

stick on it from 1958 ... so I said to myself I want to give something to my fans while I'm still alive, not when I've passed," Francis told The Associated Press.

Francis gained fame in the 1950s, earning more than \$6 million by the end of 1958 after singing "Who's Sorry Now" on "American Bandstand" earlier that

year. In 1960, her recording of "Where the Boys Are" became the top song in the United States and 15 other countries. But her life has also been marred by tragedies, four failed marriages, an estranged son, her brother's murder and a brutal rape after someone broke into the motel where she was sleeping following a performance.



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Holy Mass of Intention will be offered at
Korean Catholic Church at Chalan Kanoa at
10:30 AM, Sunday, October 8, 2017.

*Your Prayers and presence
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Thank You and Si Yu'us Ma'ase.

The Family

Attorney: 'No doubt' OJ Simpson goes to Florida after prison

LAS VEGAS (AP)—O.J. Simpson will live in Florida after he is released on parole from a Nevada prison where he has been held for the past nine years for a robbery conviction, his lawyer said Friday.

Attorney Malcolm LaVergne didn't specify where the former sports and movie star would live, although Tom Scotto, a close friend who lives in Naples, Florida, has offered his home. Scotto didn't respond to messages seeking comment.

"He's going to Florida," LaVergne said. "There's no doubt he's going to Florida."

However, the state attorney general doesn't want Simpson to come back. Attorney General Pam Bondi sent a letter Friday to the Florida Department of Corrections, urging it to tell Nevada officials that Florida objects to Simpson serving his parole in the southern state.

"Floridians are well aware of Mr. Simpson's background, his wanton disregard for the lives of others, and of his

scofflaw attitude with respect to the heinous acts for which he has been found civilly liable," Bondi said in the letter. "Our state should not become a country club for this convicted criminal."

Simpson was acquitted of the 1994 killings of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman in Los Angeles. But he was found liable for their deaths in a civil case in 1997 and ordered to pay the victims' families \$33.5 million.

Florida corrections officials have said in the past that they must accept the transfer if Nevada's request meets the established criteria. A Florida corrections spokeswoman, Ashley Cook, said her agency has not received a transfer request or documents about Simpson.

He becomes eligible for release Sunday, but LaVergne said he doesn't know where or when it will happen. He expects to learn more when Simpson notifies him that he is being moved from Lovelock Correctional Center in northern Nevada.

Stanley Tucci to read audio for Paolo Coelho-inspired story

NEW YORK (AP)—Oscar-nominated actor Stanley Tucci is leading an audio production inspired in part by Paulo Coelho's "The Alchemist."

The audio producer and seller Audible Inc. told The Associated Press on Friday that Tucci will be joined by Toby Jones for "The Man On the Mountain-top," vignettes and words of wisdom that are a "contem-



Tucci

porary equivalent" to Coelho's million-selling novel.

The audio-only release is based on an original script by Susan Trott.

Tucci has appeared in "The Hunger Games," "The Devil Wears Prada" and numerous other films. He received an Academy Award nomination for best supporting actor for "The Lovely Bones."

Marilyn Manson hurt onstage during NYC show

NEW YORK (AP)—Marilyn Manson's representative says the singer was injured in a mishap on stage during a New York City performance and taken to a hospital.

Variety reports that Manson was performing a cover of the Eurythmics' "Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This)" when he began to climb a podium, causing

it to wobble. Manson fell backward and the prop fell on him. Soon the house and stage lights went off for several minutes and came back on with an announcer saying

the show was over "due to injury."

It was not immediately clear whether any of Manson's concert dates will be postponed due to the injury.

Mona Lisa unveiled? Nude sketch may have link to masterpiece

PARIS (AP)—There's something vaguely familiar about this charcoal sketch of a woman's face and nude torso—could it be an unclothed precursor to the Mona Lisa by the master himself?

French government art experts are trying to find out, analyzing the sketch in a laboratory beneath the Louvre, the museum where the Mona Lisa hangs, to see if Leonardo da Vinci drew it before painting his 16th century masterpiece.

The sketch, previously attributed to Leonardo's students, is part of a collection at the Musee Conde du Domaine de Chantilly, north of Paris.

"This drawing is quite mysterious because we know it was made in Italy, maybe in the studio of Leonardo da Vinci or by the master himself," said museum curator Mathieu Deldicque.

There are tempting clues that Leonardo's hand could have been behind the sketch.

"For the moment we know that the paper on which this (sketch) is drawn was dated from the time of Leonardo da Vinci ... that is to say the beginning of the 16th century," Deldicque said in an interview Friday with The Associated Press. "We know that this paper comes from Italy, between Venice and Florence, so it is similar."

Imagery picked up other signs that may point to a sketch by Leonardo despite its "very worn elements," he said, noting the "quality" of the face and arms, which re-



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In this photo provided by the Conde museum, Chateau de Chantilly, and dated Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2017, chief curator of heritage, Bruno Mottin, left, examines a charcoal sketch through a microscope, depicting a nude woman while Mathieu Deldicque, curator at Conde museum, looks on, at the Center for Research and Restoration of the Museums of France in Paris, France

calls the master.

"The position of the arms is very important because it is literally (like) the position of the arms of the Louvre painting," Deldicque said.

However, Deldicque has said there were differences, including the way the subject holds her chest and the hairstyle.

Art historians believe Leonardo drew or painted a nude

version of the Mona Lisa. Deldicque acknowledged that the belief is feeding hopes that the Chantilly museum's sketch was indeed made by Leonardo's hand.

Rapper Kendrick Lamar among headliners at Forbes summit

BOSTON (AP)—Rapper Kendrick Lamar and Olympic gymnast Aly Raisman are among the celebrities, athletes and business leaders heading to Boston for Forbes' Under 30 Summit.

The four-day event focused on technology and business starts Sunday and runs through Wednesday.

It includes panel discus-

sions, competitions for start-up companies, networking opportunities for investors and entrepreneurs, as well as musical performances and other celebrity-driven events.

The events are being staged at prominent locations across the Boston-area, including City Hall Plaza, historic Faneuil (FAN'-yul) Hall, the John F. Kennedy Presidential

Library, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Fenway Park area.

More than 7,000 people are expected to attend.

Actor Ashton Kutcher, actress Evan Rachel Wood, skier Lindsay Vonn, model Karlie Kloss and television chef Ayesha Curry are among the other notable summit speakers.

Young cyberbullying victim admits to cutting herself

DEAR ABBY: My granddaughter "Ruby" has been cyberbullied. I suspect a friend of hers who is her on-again, off-again friend. When the girl is "off," she is cruel, but Ruby is very attached to her.

Ruby has told her dad and me she's so depressed and has such low self-esteem from it and that she has started cutting herself. (I think she has just started because she has no marks I could find). Her father is not very concerned, but I am. What's the next step for me in doing something about this before it has escalated to a level beyond my help?

CONCERNED GRANDMA IN ALASKA

DEAR GRANDMA: Continue to affirm your granddaughter, but for now her online presence and social media should be eliminated. Consider putting Ruby into activities that will expose her to different people. A self-defense course might build her confidence and self-esteem, as well as give her the opportunity to make new friends.

However, if she remains depressed to the point of self-injury, your granddaughter may need professional counseling to help her overcome it.

DEAR ABBY: I am 32, married, with two young sons. Since starting my own family, I have grown closer with my mom as a

source of support and guidance. The problem is, my dad seems to be jealous of the relationship I have with her—probably because I was a daddy's girl growing up.

Mom and I were planning a girls' trip together, just the two of us, and Dad said my mom couldn't go because he was feeling left out. This was after he invited himself along on another attempt at a girls' trip.

How can I have a close relationship with my mom without hurting my dad? Should I confront him?

FORMER DADDY'S GIRL IN GEORGIA

DEAR FORMER DADDY'S GIRL: No, your mother should confront him. That you need bonding time with your mother is not a rejection of your father. That you were "Daddy's girl" implies that he was the favored parent for decades. He doesn't own you—or her.

Women need each other, and what your mother has to offer you at this stage of your life is important. I hope the two of you won't allow your father's insecurity and apparently controlling nature to interfere.

DEAR READERS: Medical eye exams can catch early signs of disease before vision is lost. In addition, many diseases—from high blood pressure and diabetes to some can-

DEAR ABBY

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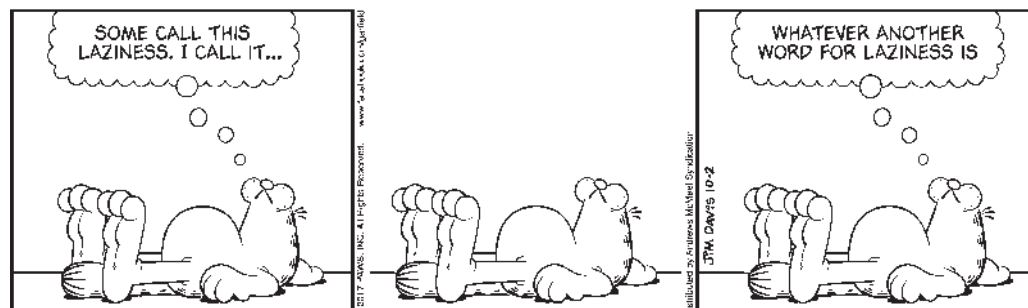
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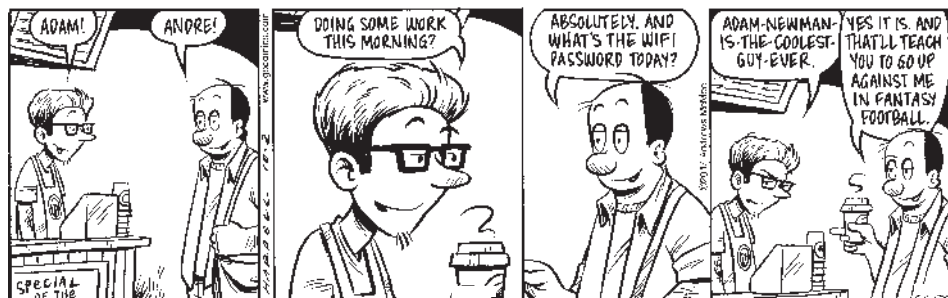
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kelly Ripa, 47; Sting, 66; Annie Leibovitz, 68; Donna Karan, 69.

Happy Birthday: Choose to be happy and to spread joy. Laughter is the best medicine and will encourage those around you to appreciate life and to live in the moment. Make positive changes and let go of what isn't working for you anymore. Let your life unfold naturally and put greater emphasis on what you can accomplish, not what you cannot. Your numbers are 9, 13, 24, 27, 30, 34, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep personal information a secret. Don't be fooled by someone who is being overly friendly. Ulterior motives are apparent and can lead to problems related to your professional goals. Protect your position, reputation and your passwords. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Know what you are up against before you confront a situation or individual. Get into tip-top shape so that you can endure whatever challenge you encounter. Preparation will lead to a flawless strategy. Celebrate your victory with someone you love. ****

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you want something, go after it. Taking physical action will prove to be beneficial. Fol-

low a creative idea to fruition and it will take you on a wonderful journey that will enrich your life and open up a window of opportunity. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Jump in and get things done. If you reveal your plans, someone will step in and take over. Negotiate on your behalf to ensure that you don't lose control of your ideas. Doing the work your way will pay off. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): An honest appraisal of what needs to be done to make your personal life better will help you move forward. Listen to your heart as well as to reason and you will figure out what you want and need. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get involved in the things you enjoy doing most. Meet up with people you love to collaborate with and something good will transpire. Networking, enjoying the youngsters in your life and spending time with your romantic partner will improve your mindset. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may crave change, but before you jump in to something new, do your research so you don't end up wishing you had stayed put. The grass always looks greener on the other side of the fence. Play it safe. **

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Avoid any sort of conflict. It is best to agree on the basics and move on. If someone tries to manipulate you, walk away. It's up to you to bring about positive change. Look for an opportunity and follow your heart. **

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Do something physical or take on a creative project that will occupy your time and your mind. Sitting idle will result in overanalyzing and reacting to a situation that requires time to settle. Don't reveal your anxiety and frustration. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take care of personal papers, assets and debts. Use your connections to find out the information required to help save you money. Don't let a partner use emotional manipulation to coerce you into spending on something you don't need. ***

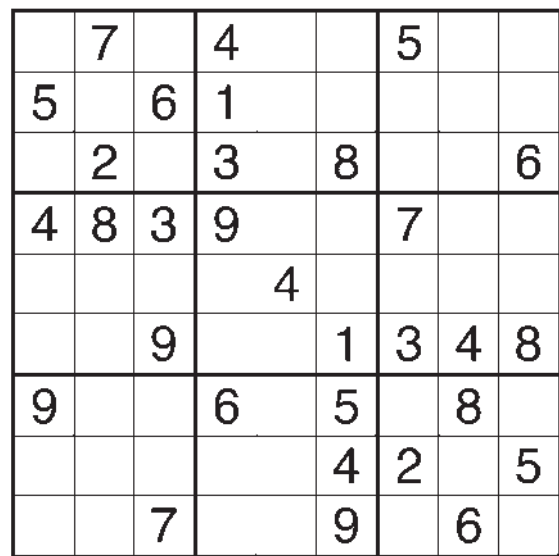
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Use your imagination, but not to manipulate others. It's important to be clear about what you want and what you expect if you are going to be successful in both personal and professional partnerships. Love and romance will enhance your life. ***

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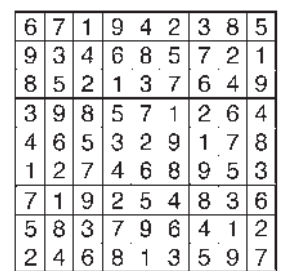


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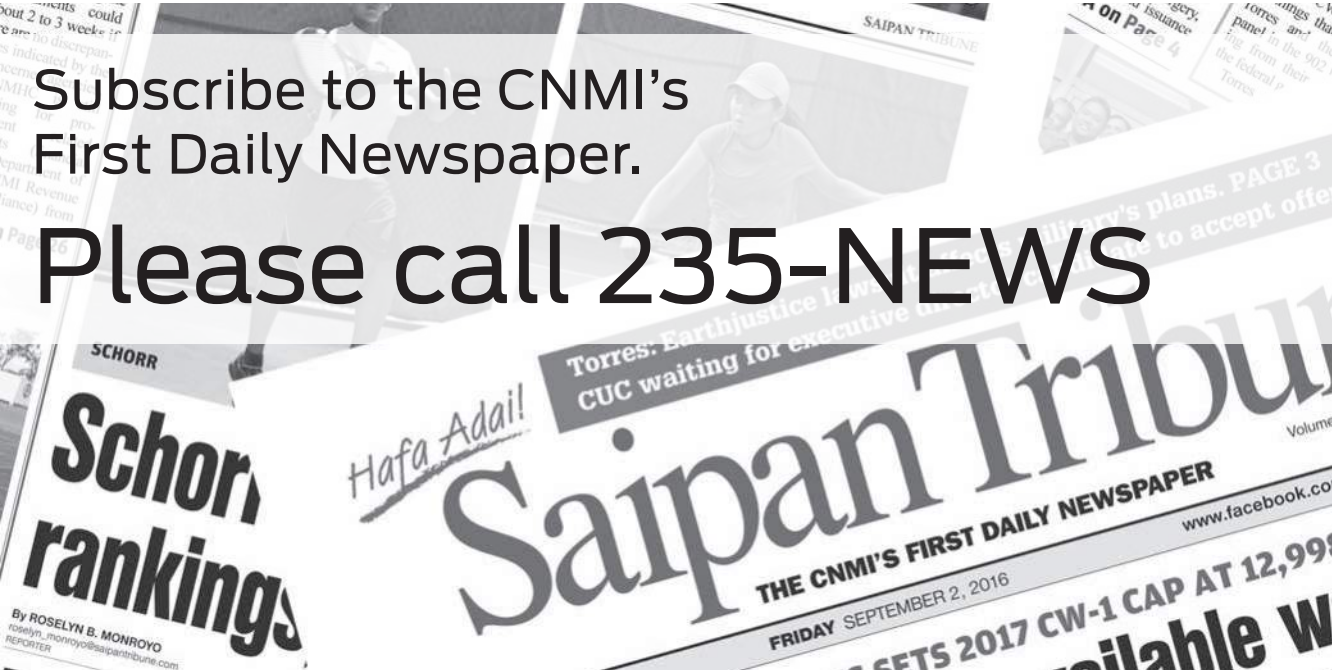
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Red Sox get back-to-back AL East title



BOSTON
(A P) —
The hard
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bounced off first baseman Mitch Moreland's glove and high into the air. Second baseman Brock Holt jumped to glove the ball and flipped it to first, where David Price was covering.

When the Boston Red Sox needed him, Price was there.

The one-time ace came out of the bullpen in relief of Drew Pomeranz and squelched a dangerous seventh-inning rally on Saturday, helping the Red Sox beat the Houston Astros 6-3 and clinch the first back-to-back AL East titles in franchise history.

With the win, the Red Sox avoided a possible tiebreaker against the rival New York Yankees.

"That was important: Just get it done today," star Hanley Ramirez said afterward in the Red Sox clubhouse, where music blared, the lockers were covered in plastic and players wore goggles to protect their eyes from the spray of beer and domestic sparkling wine.

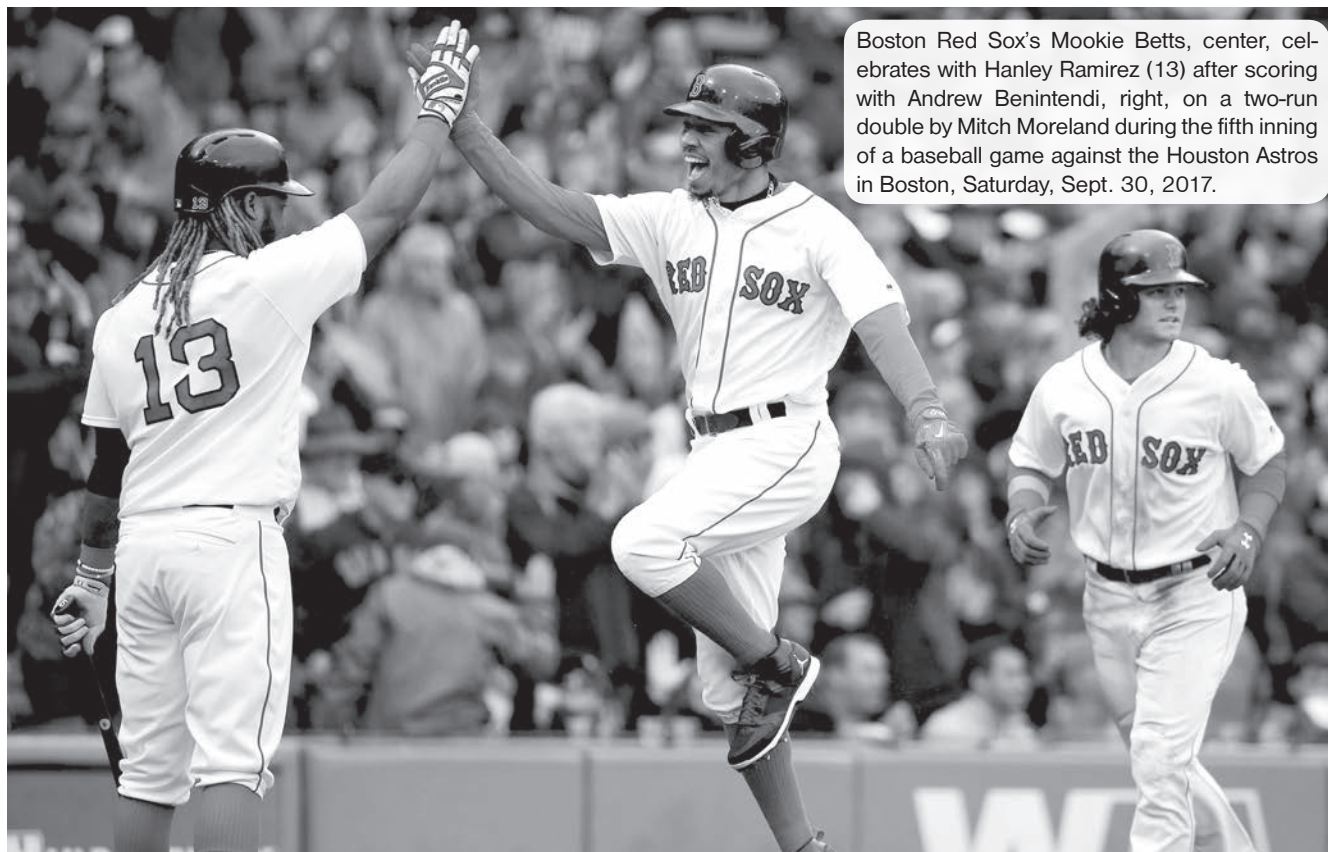
With the Boston win, the Yankees were left with a wild-card spot and a one-game matchup against the Minnesota Twins for the right to play Cleveland in the best-of-five AL Division Series. The Astros' loss meant the Indians, with the tiebreaker over Houston and 101 wins entering Saturday, clinched the best record in the AL.

Boston's win set up an immediate rematch with the AL West champion Astros in the ALDS, starting Thursday in Houston.

"This is a good team across the way. We're a good team. We're both division champions," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said. "We'll obviously see a lot of each other over the next 10 days."

Dodgers 5, Rockies 3

In Denver, the Los Angeles Dodgers secured home-field advantage throughout the playoffs by beating Colorado on a night when the Rockies clinched their first postseason



Boston Red Sox's Mookie Betts, center, celebrates with Hanley Ramirez (13) after scoring with Andrew Benintendi, right, on a two-run double by Mitch Moreland during the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Houston Astros in Boston, Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017.

appearance since 2009.

It was the Dodgers' 103rd win of the season, the most since the team moved to Los Angeles. At 103-58, they're assured of the best record in baseball.

Healing from a sore knee, Chris Taylor drove in the go-ahead run with a groundout in the seventh after Tyler Chatwood (8-15) hit both Yasiel Puig and Chase Utley to start the inning. Puig finished 2 for 2 with a homer, walk and four runs.

Cardinals 7, Brewers 6

In St. Louis, Milwaukee was eliminated from playoff contention when it squandered a six-run lead in a loss to St. Louis, handing baseball's final postseason spot to Colorado.

Brewers reliever Anthony Swarzak (6-4) gave up a tying, two-run single to Stephen Piscotty in the eighth inning and a go-ahead single to Harrison Bader. Milwaukee tried to rally in the ninth, but Brett Phillips struck out with a runner on second to end it.

Pirates 4, Nationals 1

In Washington, Nationals ace Max Scherzer was pulled with a hamstring cramp while tun-

ing up for the playoffs.

The Nationals said Scherzer was sent for a precautionary MRI on his right hamstring. Manager Dusty Baker downplayed the severity of the injury.

The Pirates rallied with four runs in the ninth inning off Brandon Kintzler (2-1).

Tigers 3, Twins 2

In Minneapolis, Andrew Romine became the fifth player in baseball history to play all nine positions in one game, helping the Tigers to the win.

Romine, a 31-year-old utilityman, played catcher for the first time in his career and got one out on the mound. He was the first player to accomplish the feat since Shane Halter for Detroit against Minnesota on Oct. 1, 2000.

Buck Farmer (5-5) pitched five strong innings for the win and Shane Greene recorded his ninth save.

Yankees 2, Blue Jays 1

In New York, Aaron Judge hit his 52nd homer, powering the Yankees to the win.

The Yankees will host Minnesota in the wild-card game Tuesday after the Red Sox clinched the AL East title with

a 6-3 victory against Houston.

Replacement starter CC Sabathia (14-5) won his fifth straight decision.

Padres 3, Giants 2

In San Francisco, Matt Cain pitched five shutout innings for San Francisco, then raised his arms and waved his cap, fighting off tears amid a standing ovation as he walked off the mound for final time.

Cain's decorated 13-year career came to an end and the home crowd at AT&T Park saluted the right-hander, a cornerstone of the Giants' championship era who pitched the only perfect game in franchise history.

Cain made his last start a day ahead of his 33rd birthday and at the close of a \$127.5 million, six-year contract.

Marlins 10, Braves 2

In Miami, slugger Giancarlo Stanton remained at 59 home runs, but Derek Dietrich connected for the Marlins.

Stanton went 1 for 5 and drove in a run. He has one more game to become the first player to hit 60 home runs in a season since 2001 when Barry Bonds hit 73 and

Sammy Sosa hit 64.

Dietrich drove in three runs, and Odrisamer Despaigne (2-3) pitched seven innings of two-run ball.

White Sox 2, Indians 1

In Cleveland, Carson Fulmer pitched five strong innings and Kevan Smith drove in two runs, leading the White Sox to the road win.

Cleveland clinched the best record in the AL earlier in the day when Houston lost to Boston. The AL Central champions will play the winner of the wild-card game between the Yankees and Twins in the AL Division Series.

Royals 4, Diamondbacks 3

In Kansas City, Jorge Bonifacio hit a three-run homer with two outs in the sixth inning to help Kansas City to the victory.

Bonifacio's homer, his 17th, came against Archie Bradley (3-3) with Paulo Orlando and Ramon Torres aboard.

Kansas City's Jake Junis (9-3) allowed two runs and five hits in six innings. Mike Minor worked around a leadoff double in the ninth to collect his sixth save in eight chances.

Cubs 9, Reds 0

In Chicago, Jon Lester struck out seven over five innings, Kyle Schwarber hit his 30th home run and the NL Central champion Cubs earned their 15th win in 18 games.

Lester (13-8) allowed four hits and walked none in a possible tuneup for Game 1 of the NL Division Series against Washington.

Mariners 6, Angels 4

In Anaheim, Mitch Haniger had five hits and Kyle Seager launched a three-run homer to highlight a five-run eighth inning that rallied Seattle to the victory.

The Mariners also got home runs from Yonder Alonso and rookie Jacob Hannemann. Casey Lawrence (2-3) earned the victory in relief, and Edwin Diaz got four outs for his 34th save.

Rangers 8, Athletics 4

In Arlington, Joey Gallo hit his 40th and 41st home runs, Andrew Cashner pitched six solid innings and the Rangers beat the Athletics.

Gallo belted a two-run drive in the second inning and a solo shot in the third, becoming the sixth Ranger to hit 40 homers in a season and the first since Josh Hamilton had 43 in 2010.

Rays 4, Orioles 3

In St. Petersburg, Chris Archer won for the first time since Aug. 22, and Brad Miller hit a three-run homer for the Rays.

Archer (10-12) pitched five shutout innings. Alex Colome worked the ninth for his major league-leading 47th save.

Miller connected against Miguel Castro (3-3) in the fourth for his ninth homer.

Mets 7, Phillies 4, 11 innings

In Philadelphia, Asdrubal Cabrera hit a three-run homer with two outs in the 11th inning, sending the Mets to the road win.

Cabrera finished with four hits and four RBI. Jacob Rame (1-1) pitched two shutout innings for his first major league win, and Jeurys Familia tossed a scoreless 11th for his sixth save.

Jeter fires Marlins executives

MIAMI (AP)—Derek Jeter, who takes over as Marlins' CEO and co-owner next week, has quietly fired four members of the team's baseball operations department, in the wake of dismissing five prominent team employees last week, according to sources.

And Jeter, once again, asked outgoing Marlins president David Samson to fire the employees for him, according to a source.

Jeter asked Samson to dis-

miss vice president of player development Marc DelPiano, assistant general manager Mike Berger, vice president/player personnel Jeff McAvoy and vice president/pitching development Jim Benedict. All were informed by Samson in recent days.

DelPiano's dismissal is the most surprising of the group. Owner Jeffrey Loria lured him away from the Pirates before the 2015 season — where he had most recently

served as assistant to the general manager—and DelPiano had worked in the past two years to help establish a new culture within the Marlins' minor league operations.

The Marlins' farm system had been considered among the worst in baseball before the well-regarded DelPiano arrived, and the team still has fewer high-level prospects than most other organizations.

DelPiano also worked for the Marlins from 2002 to 2005.

Loria and his front office thought so highly of Benedict that they traded a player, pitcher Trevor Williams, to acquire him from the Pirates in November 2015. Williams was 7-9 with a 4.07 ERA for the Pirates this season and might have been the Marlins' third-best starting pitcher this year if he hadn't been traded for an executive.

But Benedict had mixed results in his role as a roving organizational pitching guru. He helped extract more from several pitchers, including Kyle Barraclough, but failed to do so

with Andrew Cashner, Justin Nicolino and Adam Conley, among others, and one free agent pitcher he recommended from the Pirates, Jeff Locke, never helped the Marlins this season and was designated for assignment on July 4.

Berger spent four seasons as the Marlins' assistant GM after serving as special assistant to the GM in Arizona.

McAvoy, who previously worked with Tampa Bay, spent two seasons as the Marlins' vice president/player personnel and four overall with the organization, having previously served

as director of pro scouting.

Jeter is expected to retain Michael Hill, the Marlins' president of baseball operations, indefinitely if not permanently. Hill has three years left on his contract.

But it's unclear if Hill will retain the same level of authority. Jeter is believed to have interest in several others who could assume a high-level position of power inside the organization, including New York Yankees vice president/player development Gary Denbo or former Cubs general manager Jim Hendry.

Trump tweets anew about NFL players and protest

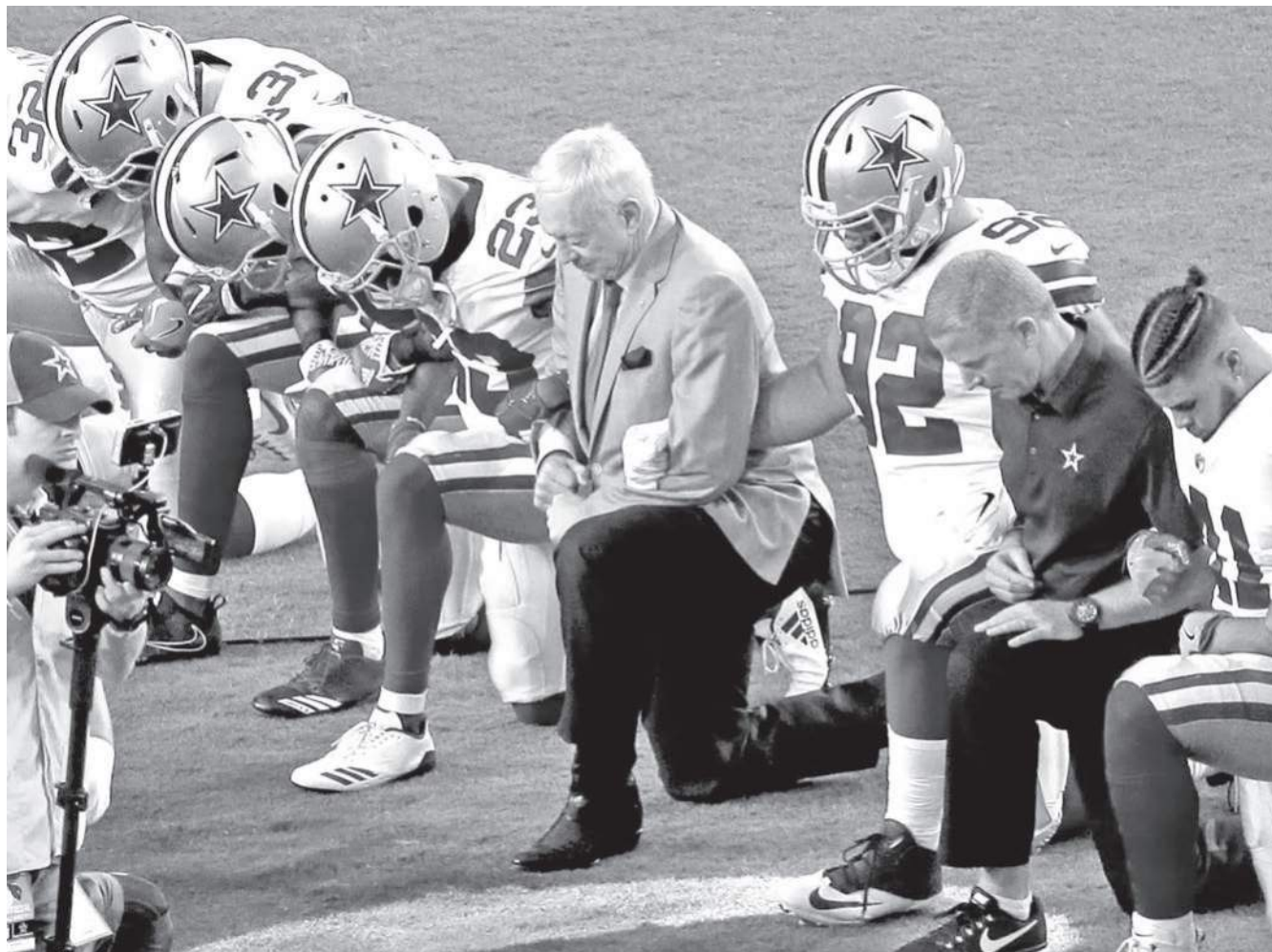


WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump on Saturday night stoked the controversy over his call for punitive action against NFL players who take a knee or otherwise protest during the national anthem, tweeting anew that they should remain standing out of respect for the nation and its flag.

Trump took time from a Twitter rant against criticism of the federal response to hurricane damage in Puerto Rico to tweet: "Very important that NFL players STAND tomorrow, and always, for the playing of our National Anthem. Respect our Flag and our Country!"

Protesting during the playing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" drew national attention last season when Colin Kaepernick, then a quarterback with the San Francisco 49ers, declined to stand as a way to bring attention to police treatment of blacks and to social injustice.

During a wide-ranging speech at a political rally in Alabama on Sept. 22, Trump called for NFL owners to fire players who engaged in such a protest. In the days that followed the president issued a series of tweets reiterating his views and calling for a boycott



AP
In this Monday, Sept. 25, 2017, file photo, the Dallas Cowboys, led by owner Jerry Jones, center, take a knee prior to the national anthem before an NFL football game against the Arizona Cardinals in Glendale, Ariz.

of games by fans.

Criticism from players, owners and fans—and some praise—greeted Trump's remarks. The controversy boiled for days and seemed to overshadow other issues facing the Trump presidency, including

the failure of congressional Republicans to repeal and replace the nation's health care law, the primary loss in Alabama of Trump's favored candidate, a turbulent hurricane season and the back-and-forth between the U.S. and North

Korea over missiles and nuclear weapons.

Relatively few players had demonstrated before Trump's remarks. Last Sunday, more than 100 NFL players sat, knelt or raised their fists in defiance during the national anthem.

Meanwhile, in Jacksonville, Florida, the Jacksonville Jaguars plan to take a knee before the national anthem is played prior to their game at the New York Jets on Sunday.

Players say in a statement that "every one of us" will

"kneel to pray for change, progress and equality for everyone who calls the United States their home."

The Jaguars (2-1) were criticized locally last week after about a dozen players knelt during the national anthem in London. Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry even said "it's stupid" not to stand and honor the American flag during the pledge of allegiance and the anthem.

"I think it's stupid to do otherwise," Curry said a day after the 44-7 victory over Balti-

more. "The U.S. Constitution protects the right for a lot of people to do a lot of stupid things."

The Jaguars responded Saturday night.

"The United States flag and our national anthem are both strong sources of inspiration and unity," players said. "Our respect for both is sincere. Given recent events and remarks, however, we felt it was time last weekend to shine a light on the serious issues of inequality and social injustice that exist in our country."

"We want to make it clear that we never intended in any way to show disrespect toward the U.S. military community, first responders, our flag or our national anthem. We love and respect everyone who serves and has made sacrifices for the United States in the past, today and the future. That is especially true in our hometown of Jacksonville, Florida."

"We are a very diverse group, much like our country as a whole. So we may not see eye to eye on everything, but we will be a team undivided. We will play to win and represent Jacksonville with honor, and we are committed to furthering the conversation and taking action to effect positive change."

LeBron still slowed by sprained left ankle, misses practice



CLEVELAND (AP)—LeBron James remains sidelined with a sprained left ankle and the Cavaliers plan to keep him out of an upcoming scrimmage.

James hasn't practiced since Wednesday, when he rolled his ankle during the team's second training-camp workout that day. X-rays were negative, and James has been getting treatment. Coach Tyronn Lue says he is day to day.

Lue says the three-time NBA champion stepped on a teammates' foot while running up the floor.

James will not play in Monday's Wine & Gold Scrimmage at Quicken Loans Arena. Lue says that "wouldn't be smart."

The three-time defending Eastern Conference champions open the exhibition season Wednesday against Atlanta.

The 32-year-old James did not miss any regular-season or playoff games because of injuries last season. He has been remarkably durable during his 14-year career, playing in nearly 1,300 games.

Meanwhile, in Florida, habits are something Miami coach Erik Spoelstra talks about often with his club, that word becoming as much of his everyday vernacular as probably any other.

Kelly Olynyk has noticed. He's also noticed that habits can be tough to break.

High on the to-do list for the Heat during this training camp that ended with a scrimmage Saturday was this: Getting Olynyk, the former Boston Celtics forward who signed a four-year deal with Miami this summer, as involved as possible with a core that largely returned intact from last season. It's a process, though both Spoelstra and Olynyk said afterward they like the way things are heading.

"When you've been in this league for four, five years, whatever it is, and where you were you've done it one way the whole time, that's kind of ingrained in your mind," Olynyk said. "And over four, five years those actions become habits and those habits become routines and rituals. Now when you flip the script and you're getting into a game or a scrimmage, your body automatically drives toward those habits rather than what you're quote-unquote supposed to do."

Old habits indeed die hard. When Heat guard Josh Richardson went down the lane in the third quarter of the scrimmage, Olynyk—who was a bit of a pest, to put it nicely, in past games against Miami—sprang into action and

defended the paint with his usual vigor.

Richardson got a bloody nose for his efforts.

"He can foul someone else now," Richardson said.

Richardson could at least laugh about it afterward, and after a scrimmage where Olynyk's inside game, outside game, passing ability and defensive aggression were all on display at various times, Spoelstra seemed quite content.

"To be fair, we're getting to know him," Spoelstra said of the noticeably slimmed-down Olynyk. "We want to be open to his skillset. We want to challenge ourselves to be able to utilize that versatility in as many dynamic ways as possible, but do it at a healthy rate."

Miami is bringing back its top nine scorers in terms of points-per-game from a season ago, plus has Justise Winslow returning from shoulder surgery and is finding ways to get Olynyk and rookie Bam Adebayo in the mix as well.

That's a lot of candidates, and not enough jobs. It's tough to envision Spoelstra ever going past 10 players in his normal rotation, 11 at the most. But Olynyk was able to show his new teammates right away that he could be a big help for a team that went 30-11 in the second half of last season.

Warriors lose preseason opener to Nuggets

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Kevin Durant drove through the paint for a quick one-handed slam. Stephen Curry dazzled with his dribbling and pulled up for quick 3-pointers that weren't quite as accurate as usual.

The Golden State Warriors still looked like the dominant team they were in winning a championship just a few months ago, even in a 108-102 preseason loss to Denver on Saturday night.

The Warriors have 12 players back, including all five starters. But they don't have their shooting touch yet, going 4 of 33 from deep. Their four All-Stars were a dismal 1 for 19.

NBA Finals MVP Durant scored 10 points in nearly 24 minutes, Curry had 11 in the NBA's preseason opener.

Later Saturday in Southern California, Lonzo Ball made his highly anticipated Lakers debut in Anaheim against the Timberwolves, playing their first game with All-Star Jim-

my Butler. Ball's first basket was a 3-pointer with 3:47 left in the first quarter.

Warriors and Nuggets players stood through the national anthem, a week after President Donald Trump rescinded his White House invitation to Curry and his team. Warriors coach Steve Kerr indicated before the game he didn't expect any kind of protest.

"It wasn't a discussion or a decision," Draymond Green said. "We said what we had to say. Everybody knows where we stand. We don't need to do anything else to show where we stand. Everyone knows where we stand."

Lakers and Wolves players stood with arms locked during their anthem.

Paul Millsap had 22 points and 11 rebounds in his first game for Denver. Nikola Jokic added 12 points and six rebounds, making 7 of 10 free throws. Emmanuel Mudiay had 19 points and six assists off the bench.

Kerr only planned to use his starters 20-25 minutes with an international trip ahead. The Warriors were set to leave Sunday for China, where they will play a pair of preseason games against Minnesota.

Golden State rookie Jordan Bell had a nice alley-oop dunk in the third quarter from Green, who received his Defensive Player of the Year trophy from Ben Wallace just before tipoff.

New Warriors forward Omri Casspi was away from the team for the Jewish high holiday of Yom Kippur, and so was analytics guru Sammy Gelfand.

"I talked to him a couple days ago. Sammy Gelfand also will not be here tonight as he observes the holiday as well," Kerr said. "Whatever each person needs to do then obviously we afford them that right. It's an important holiday for people of the Jewish faith. Omri has our full support."

Carol starts Asian Tour today, competes in Malaysia

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The CNMI's Carol Lee will begin her series of tournaments in Asia today as she competes in the 1st ITF Perlis Junior Championship 2017 in Malaysia.

The contest is a Grade 4 event and will be played at

the Tuanku Syed Putra Tennis Complex in Kangar, Perlis with Lee expected to be among the seeded players in the singles and doubles competitions. The 15-year-old Lee is the second highest ranked player on the acceptance list at No. 220, behind No. 206 of Jiaqi Wang

of China. Draws were held yesterday, but were unavailable at press time. Lee and Wang will be battling the singles and doubles crown against players from the host country, India, Philippines, Kazakhstan, Chinese-Taipei, Hong Kong, Poland, Australia, Singapore, Thailand, and Japan.

The CNMI bet will be playing in the Perlis Junior Championship and three more tournaments this month alone as a member of the Asian Tennis Federation Touring Team. She earned a slot on the elite squad after her outstanding showing in tournaments in Morocco

and New Caledonia this year and for playing for Pacific Oceania in 2017 Fed Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group II.

From Kangar, Perlis, Lee will go to Sarawak for the 30th Sarawak Chief Minister's Cup (II) ITF Junior Circuit, a Grade 3 tournament that offers 60 ITF Juniors ranking points to the singles champion and 50 to the doubles winners (each) and will run from Oct. 10 to 15. The Commonwealth player currently has 201.25 ranking points (combined)—170 in singles and 125 in doubles.

Then from Malaysia, the three-time NMSA/Tan Siu Lin Foundation Female Student Athlete of the Year awardee will head to Thailand for two more competitions. First up for Lee is the PTT-ITF Junior Grade 2 that will take place in Nonthaburi from Oct. 16 to 21. She will stay in Nonthaburi until Oct. 28 for the PTT-ITF Junior Grade 4 that will start on Oct. 23.

SEDA title No. 2 for Killaz

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The Jonny's Serial Killaz clinched its second championship of the season, while two other divisions will begin their knockout semis matches in the Saipan Electronic Darts Association Bud Light League this week.

The Killaz, after securing the Flame Tree regular season crown, added the Bud Light Cup title after squeezing out an 8-7 decision against Naked

Fish Na'Gupu last week at the latter's home bar in Oleai.

The score was tied at seven after Sim Iran, Zack Johnson, Al Sablan, Ton Tomokane, Freddy Salavaria, and Lester Babauta managed to match the eventual champs' in the five events they played. But the Serial Killaz won't be denied of the title as Anson Jones, Peter Mendiola, Jeff Sablan, and Joey Songsong teamed up in the final Team 1101 Open In/Double Out event to secure

the victory and the title.

In other divisions, the Ladies and Masters will start with their Bud Light Cup matches this week. The Ladies' knockout semis will be played today, while the Masters will have theirs on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

The Nipa Hut Exquisites ruled the regular season, finishing with a 236-124 record following an 11-4 win over the 6JMS Hot Mess in their final games last week. The Chow Time Momshies came in second (219-141) after winning by default against the VFW Bull-It II. The Hot Mess placed third (149-211). The Exquisites will be facing

the Momshies, while the Hot Mess will take on Bull-It II with the winners contending for the title on Oct. 9.

In the Masters division, 6JMS Mafia completed its title romp after collecting a league best 258-150 record, followed by the Oleai Nakayoshi (234-174) and 6JMS Pythons (194-214). Chow Time Calamity Fun was the other team (130-278).

The Pythons thrashed Calamity Fun, 14-3, and will meet the Nakayoshi in the one-game semifinals. The Nakayoshi, on the other hand, completed a 12-5 victory against the Mafia, which would face Calamity Fun in the other Final Four encounter.

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similar plans for the stands at the Francisco M. Palacios baseball and Miguel Basa Pangelinan softball fields.

"The baseball field is another big project where we hope to add a grandstand that may also be connected to the press box. We also need to have additional indoor gyms where off-island athletes can practice," said Rogolifoi.

Besides the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, the CNMI has two other indoor facilities, but Marianas High School and Northern Marianas College gymnasiums are currently awaiting repairs as they were also damaged when Typhoon Soudelor pummeled the island in August 2015.

"These improvements of facilities would be beneficial to the entire CNM, especially in the hosting of other regional games or tournaments. We're glad to hear that the governor also

wanted to improve our sports facilities," Rogolifoi said.

He added that even Pacific Games Council chief executive officer Andrew Minogue and president Vidhya Laxhan, when they visited Saipan last year, told NMSA officials that Saipan has the sports facilities and they only need improvement.

"We're done with the resurfacing of the Oleai track, but it still needs sprucing up since it would host the opening and closing ceremonies. It would be at the center stage during the athletics competitions," said Rogolifoi.

Athletics, badminton, baseball, canoe (va'a), golf, sailing, swimming, tennis, triathlon, volleyball (beach and indoor), weightlifting, and wrestling are the 12 others sports to be offered in the 2021 Pacific Mini Games.



Jonny's Serial Killaz players celebrate another title win after clinching the Bud Light Cup in the Flame Tree division of the Saipan Electronic Darts Association Bud Light League last week.

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as it seemed to be threatened by Apelu's presence at the net.

BTG then played more relaxed in the second set and kept the game close as Apelu ended up at the backline after several rotations and at the same time misfired with his attacks. BTG scored three straight points to tie the count at 17 behind the two-man block by Alfredo Guevarra and Jerrett Rosario, a Guevarra kill, and a reception error by Dragon Balls.

Dragon Balls answered with a 7-1 run to move a point

away from wrapping up the contest. BTG strung up four consecutive points highlighted by a Yohei Iwashita ace to stay in contention, but he also ended the game with a service error as Dragon Balls players started their celebration on the court.

Before their title showdown, Dragon Balls and BTG ended up tied for the lead, but the latter earned the top ranking after scoring more points—320 against the eventual champions' 300.

Dragon Balls then secured the first finals spot after defeating BTG in three hard-fought sets, 24-26, 28-26, 25-11. BTG, on the

other hand, escaped with a 25-18, 25-20 decision over Hit-Faced in their knockout semis match to get a second crack at Dragon Balls. All Good Enough also competed in the tournament.

Meanwhile, in the women's finals, All About The Ace squeezed out a 25-20, 25-19 win against Serve's Up to make it two in a row against the same opponent.

All About The Ace downed Serve's Up in the semis, 25-23, 25-15, to move into the finals, while the latter had to grind out a 25-12, 25-19 win over Talaabwogh in the second semis game to keep its title hopes alive.

In the elimination, All About The Ace had a sweep for a 6-0 record, while Serve's Up won the tiebreak against Talaabwogh to clinch the second spot. Da Starz was the other team that competed in the women's division.

All About The Ace and Dragon Balls received trophies at the conclusion of the tournament. Event organizers also handed out individual awards with Apelu getting the men's most valuable player plum and Toni Yamada duplicating the feat in the women's division. Jerico Castro and Leana Otiwii were named the men's and women's inspirational players.

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Ballers Bros' losing cause after firing 7 points. Stephen Bartolo and Drew Bayot made the 2 other markers for Ballers Bros.

In the girls U16 division, Lisa Nicole Clamor, Rita King, and Sophia Cruz knocked in multiple baskets for the Typhoon to top the Ol'Aces.

Clamor, King, and Cruz each tallied 4 points, alternately hitting shots that kept the Typhoon in the lead all throughout the match. Eloisa Manibusan was the fourth member of the champion team, while Desrei and Sedrei Camacho, Christian Hayag, and Jaime Pangelinan suited up for the Lady Ol'Aces. The four Lady Ol'Aces players scored 2 markers apiece in the finale.

Meanwhile, the final round of the 3x3 Hoopfest Marianas 2017 also featured championship games in the girls and boys U19 age groups and the men's and women's open divisions. Complete results of these matches will be reported in *Saipan Tribune's* Tuesday edition.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Boston	93	68	.578	—
y-New York	91	70	.565	2
Tampa Bay	79	82	.491	14
Toronto	75	86	.466	18
Baltimore	75	86	.466	18
Central Division				
x-Cleveland	101	60	.627	—
y-Minnesota	84	77	.522	17
Kansas City	80	81	.497	21
Chicago	67	94	.416	34
Detroit	65	97	.401	36½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Houston	100	61	.621	—
Los Angeles	79	82	.491	21
Seattle	78	83	.484	22
Texas	78	83	.484	22
Oakland	74	87	.460	26

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
x-Washington	97	64	.602	—
Miami	77	84	.478	20
Atlanta	71	90	.441	26
New York	70	91	.435	27
Philadelphia	65	96	.404	32

Central Division				
x-Chicago	92	69	.571	—
Milwaukee	85	76	.528	7
St. Louis	83	78	.516	9
Pittsburgh	74	87	.460	18
Cincinnati	67	94	.416	25

West Division				
x-Los Angeles	103	58	.640	—
y-Arizona	92	69	.571	11
y-Colorado	87	74	.540	16
San Diego	71	90	.441	32
San Francisco	63	98	.391	40

x-clinched division
y-clinched wild card

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1st Danny Borlain Indoor Volleyball Classic

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Toni Yamada, right, of All About That Ace tries to beat two defenders from Serve's Up in their battle in the net during the women's division championship match in the 1st Danny Borlain Indoor Volleyball Classic last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



All About That Ace's Knohlynn Gechig, left, sets up the ball, while her teammates look on.



Fred Apelu, left, of Dragon Balls challenges the defense of BTG players in their finals match.



From left, inspirational players Leana Otiwii (women's), Jerico Castro (men's), and most valuable player Fred Apulu (men's), pose for a group photo after receiving their awards. Toni Yamada completed the individual awardees list after taking the women's MVP plum.



All About That Ace's Charnessa Lizama, left, and Knohlynn Gechig, center, receive their first place prizes in the women's division from one of the tournament organizers.



BTG's John Nidea, left, stops the ball as teammate Yohei Iwashita looks on.



Serve's Up members receive their trophy and other prizes for placing second in the women's division.



BTG players celebrate their second place finish in the men's division.



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AL East title

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Typhoon sweeps U16 division crowns

Several projects before 2021 Mini Games lined up

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Northern Marianas Sports Association executive director Tony Rogolifoi said they have lined up several projects to improve the islands' sports facilities in time for Saipan's hosting of the 2021 Pacific Mini Games.

The Oleai Sports Complex will be at the center of those projects as NMSA hopes to spruce up the main hub of the 2021 Games where the opening and closing ceremonies would take place.

"We're very thankful that Gov. [Ralph DLG] Torres

expressed his support to our hosting of the 2021 Games. We need a lot of help from all sectors of our community as we plan on improving our sports facilities," Rogolifoi told *Saipan Tribune*.

"If they [government] can help us in providing additional funding, then we could start and get these projects done before 2021," added Rogolifoi.

They are looking at having additional grandstands at the track oval as it has still space to extend the current viewing area for sports fans. There are

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

A catcher throws from home plate during a baseball game at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield early this year. Northern Marianas Sports Association plans to build a stand at the baseball field.

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T i n i a n Sports Association Typhoon lorded it over in the U16 division of the 3x3 Hoopfest Marianas 2017, winning both the girls and boys title matches yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Typhoon first took the girls U16 tiara after beating the Lady Ol'Aces, 12-8, while the visiting group's boys squad completed the sweep following an 8-5 triumph over Boonkgang.

Jared King, Tyler Santos, Eron Borja, and Sir-iashu Dela Cruz played for the Typhoon and went up against Boonkgang's Christian Bravo, J.C. Ferrari, Adonis Favor, and Paulo Cadag. Santos top-scored for the Typhoon (5 points) with his 2-point basket giving his team the lead for good, 8-4, with a little over a minute left in the 10-minute finale.

The Typhoon managed to keep the upper hand after Boonkgang muffed all its free throw shots down the stretch. Bravo and Favor could have tied the match, as they were given two free throws apiece after the Typhoon hit the foul



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

The Typhoon's Lisa Nicole Clamor pulls up for a shot against the Lady Ol'Aces defenders during their girls U16 title game in the 3x3 Hoopfest Marianas 2017 yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

limit, but the Boonkgang pair missed their charities. Before facing a 4-point deficit,



Boonkgang also faltered from the foul line at least on three occasions.

A floater from Bravo ended Boonkgang's silence, but time was not on their side as he made the shot with less than 20 seconds left in the game. The Typhoon then wisely melted down the clock in its next two possessions en route to securing the division championship.

The Typhoon moved into the title game after a free win over the Ol'Aces Rebels, who were a no-show in the 9am semis match yesterday.

In the other Final Four pairing, Boonkgang denied Saipan leg champion Ballers Bros a return trip to the finals after eking out a 10-9 victory.

Bravo and Favor scored 4 points apiece in that semis triumph with the latter knocking in the go-ahead basket. Ferrari and Cadag added a point each, while Khristian Itaas led

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Dragon Balls rule v-ball tournament

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Dragon Balls swept past BTG, 25-14, 25-22, in their championship match to rule the 1st Danny Borlain's Indoor Volleyball Classic last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Dragon Balls easily won the first set as they raced to a 6-0 lead and never looked back behind the hard-hitting Fred Ape-

lu, who excelled on both ends of the floor. BTG's plays were in total disarray in the opening frame as it could not match Dragon Balls' net defense that was led by Apelu, whose intensity rubbed off to his teammates.

On offense, Jonas Barcinas set up Dragon Balls' kills, while Jerry Sarez and Jeff Riman kept the ball in play with their digs and saves. BTG tried to stage a comeback, but ran out of gas

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JON PEREZ

Team Dragon Balls players are all smiles after clinching the men's title in the 1st Danny Borlain Indoor Volleyball Classic last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

